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INTRODUCTION

An important function of the Bureau of Topographic and Geologic Survey is to provide accurate, timely information on Pennsylvania's bituminous coal. To achieve this goal, the Bureau is working in cooperation with the U.S. Geological Survey to establish the National Coal Resources Data System (NCRDS). NCRDS is a computer data system developed by the U.S. Geological Survey to facilitate coal-resource calculations for the nation on a county-by-county and seam-by-seam basis, and to produce various kinds of tables and maps of coal characteristics.

Before NCRDS can be used for a particular bituminous-coal-producing county, all available data on the coal must be entered into the computer system. These data include site-specific (point-location) stratigraphic measurements and coal analyses, and specific map elements compiled on 7½-minute topographic quadrangle maps. The map elements, which include coal outcrop lines, structure contours, and mined-out areas, are digitized and stored in the system for subsequent computer manipulations.

The maps in this report represent part of phase one of NCRDS for Pennsylvania. Phase two will include the various computer-generated tables and maps of coal characteristics for the state. As the data base for each county is completed and the various derivative tables and maps of coal quality are produced, their availability will be publicly announced.

Inasmuch as the maps showing coal outcrop lines and mined-out areas are in constant demand by the coal industry, consultants, planners, government personnel, and academicians, they are being made available in this publication. These maps will be of considerable help in planning exploration programs, land acquisition, land use planning, and environmental protection.

Two kinds of coal maps may be included for each 7½-minute quadrangle covering Washington County (Figure 1). First, for each of the principal coal seams in a given quadrangle, there is an individual map showing (1) the coal outcrop (crop line), and (2) the extent of all known strip and deep mining up to the time of compilation (1985). Second, for each quadrangle, there is a composite map showing the crop lines of all of the principal coal seams (Figure 2), structure contours, and fold axes. Individual coal crop line maps were made for each of the two economically important coals in Washington County, the Pittsburgh and Waynesburg coals. The maps were made for all quadrangles where these coals cropped out, including quadrangles where no mining had taken place. Individual crop line maps of economically less important coals such as the Waynesburg "A" and the Washington were limited to only the quadrangles where these coals have been mined; however, complete countywide coverage of the crop lines of these coals can be found on the composite maps. The Redstone coal is minable only in northeastern Washington County, where its extent of deposition is well defined. The horizon of the Redstone coal is shown on the composite maps only in the quadrangles where it can be traced. All of the maps contain information on sources of data, map reliability, and map symbols. In addition, the composite maps contain in-

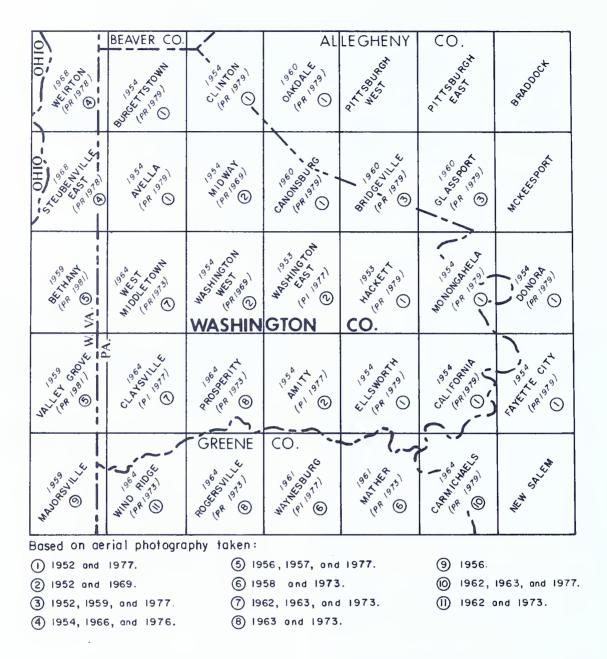


Figure 1. Index map of $7\frac{1}{2}$ -minute quadrangles in Washington County. Dates of publication of topographic quadrangle maps are shown in italic type. Dates of photorevision (PR) and photoinspection (PI) are shown in parentheses.

formation on structure-contour intervals and datums, and names of fold axes. The general layout of the compilation maps is shown in Figure 3.

The map reliability values given in this report are meant to be used as a general guide. The reliability of most of the coal crop lines and structure contours in Washington County is believed to be "very good," which in this report is defined as having an approximate accuracy to within 20 feet (±10 feet)

vertically. A few crop lines and structure contours were judged to have "good" reliability, having an accuracy to within approximately 40 feet (±20 feet) vertically.

The reader is advised that all of the original compilation maps are available for public inspection at the offices of the Pennsylvania Geological Survey in Harrisburg. The scale of the original maps is 1:24,000.

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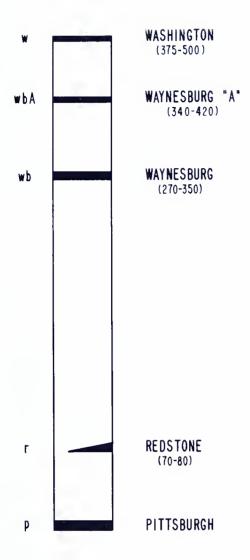


Figure 2. Stratigraphic position of the principal coal seams in Washington County. The intervals, in feet, to the Pittsburgh coal are given in parentheses. Thicknesses of the coal seams are not to scale.

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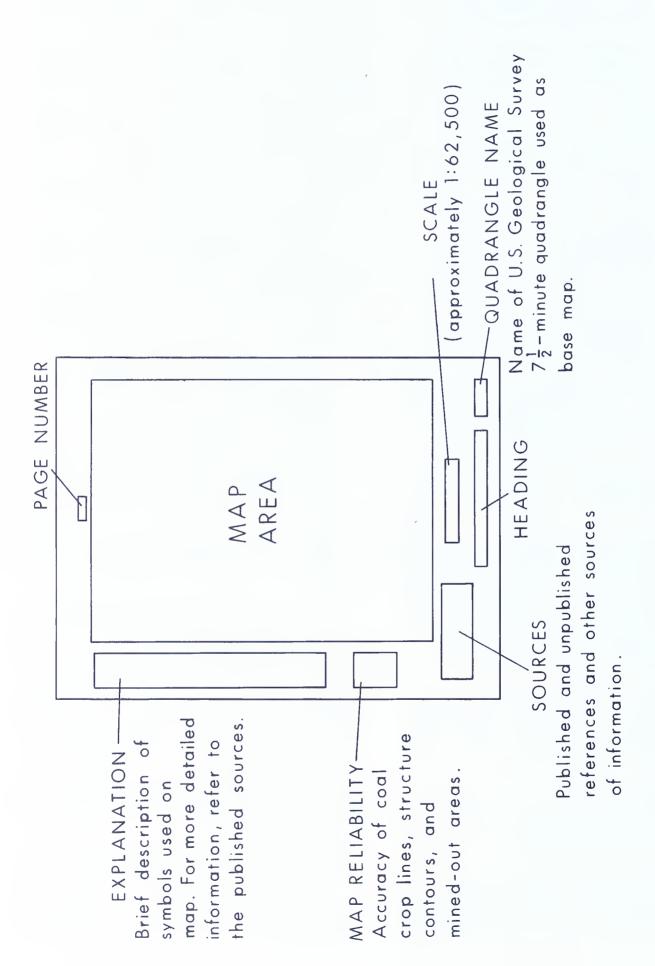


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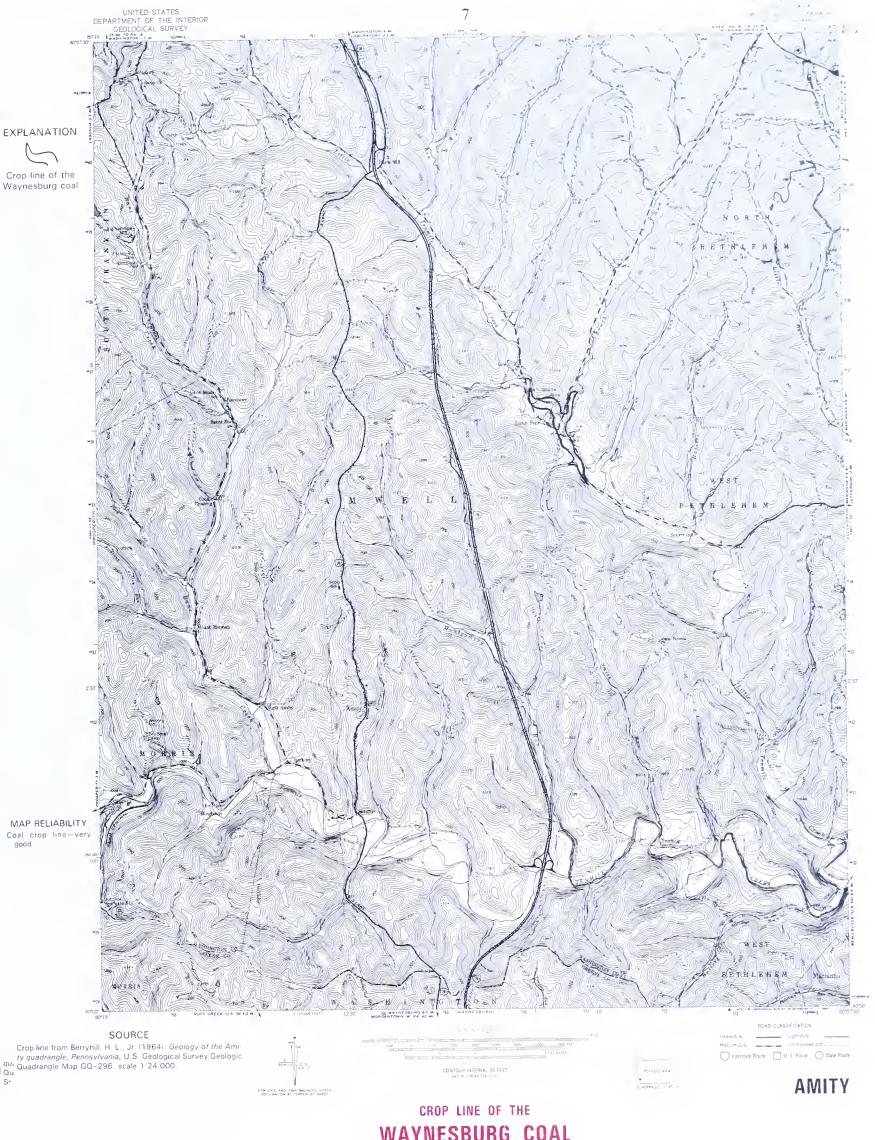
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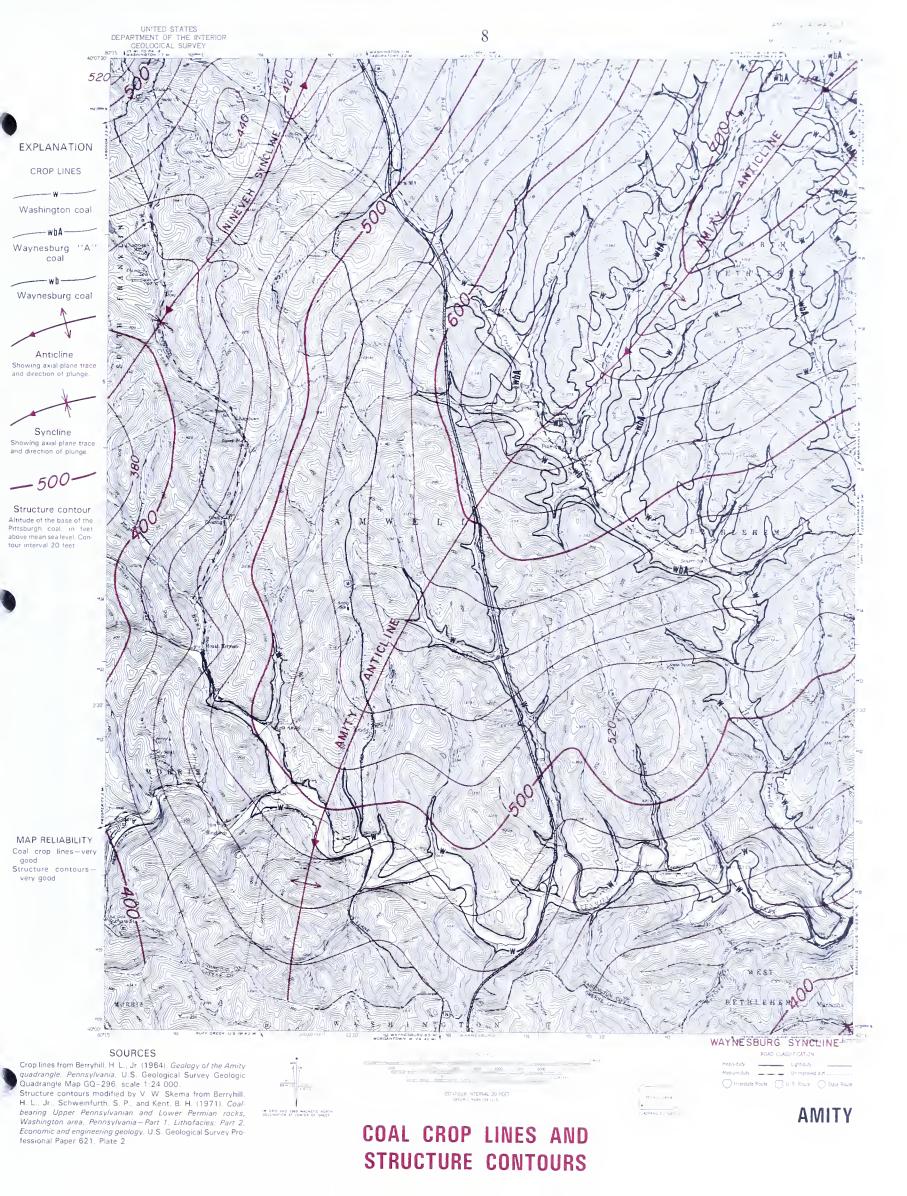




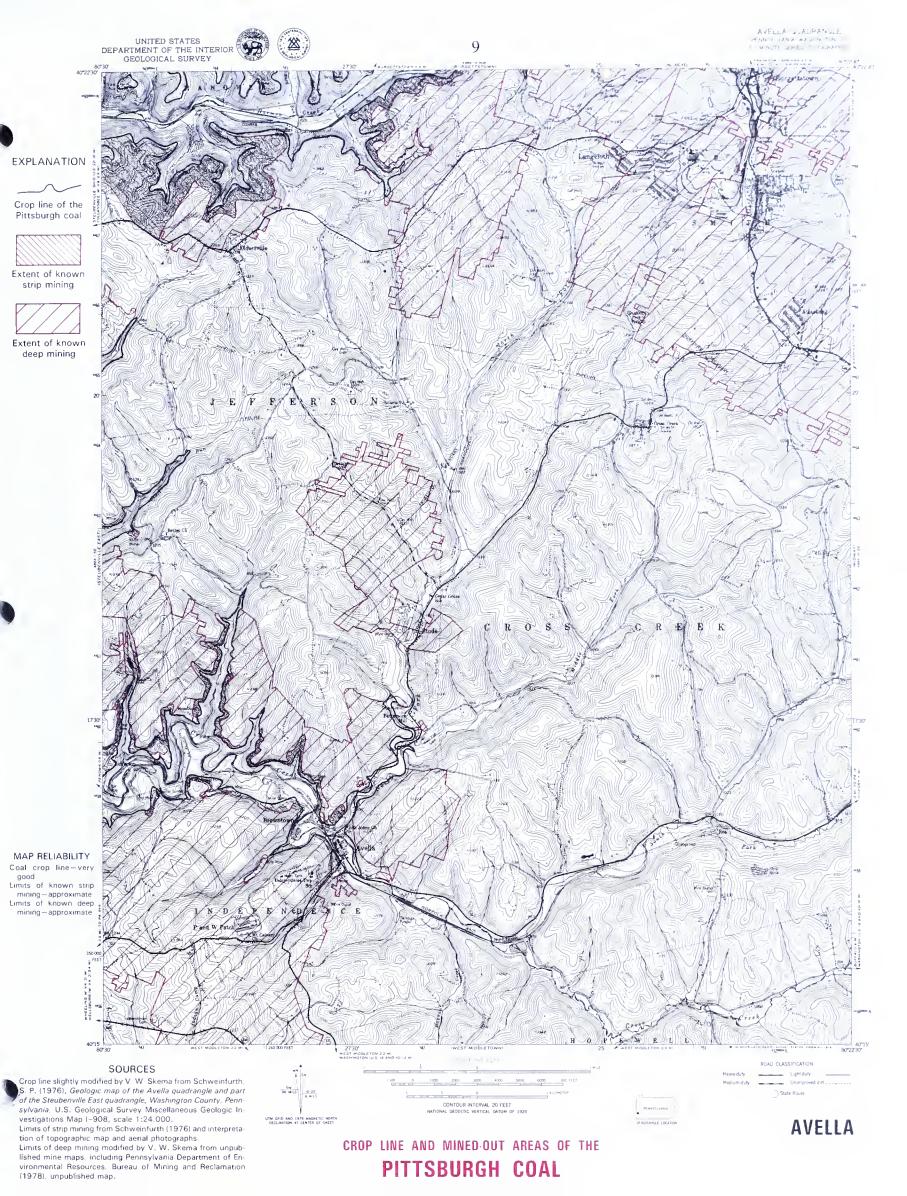


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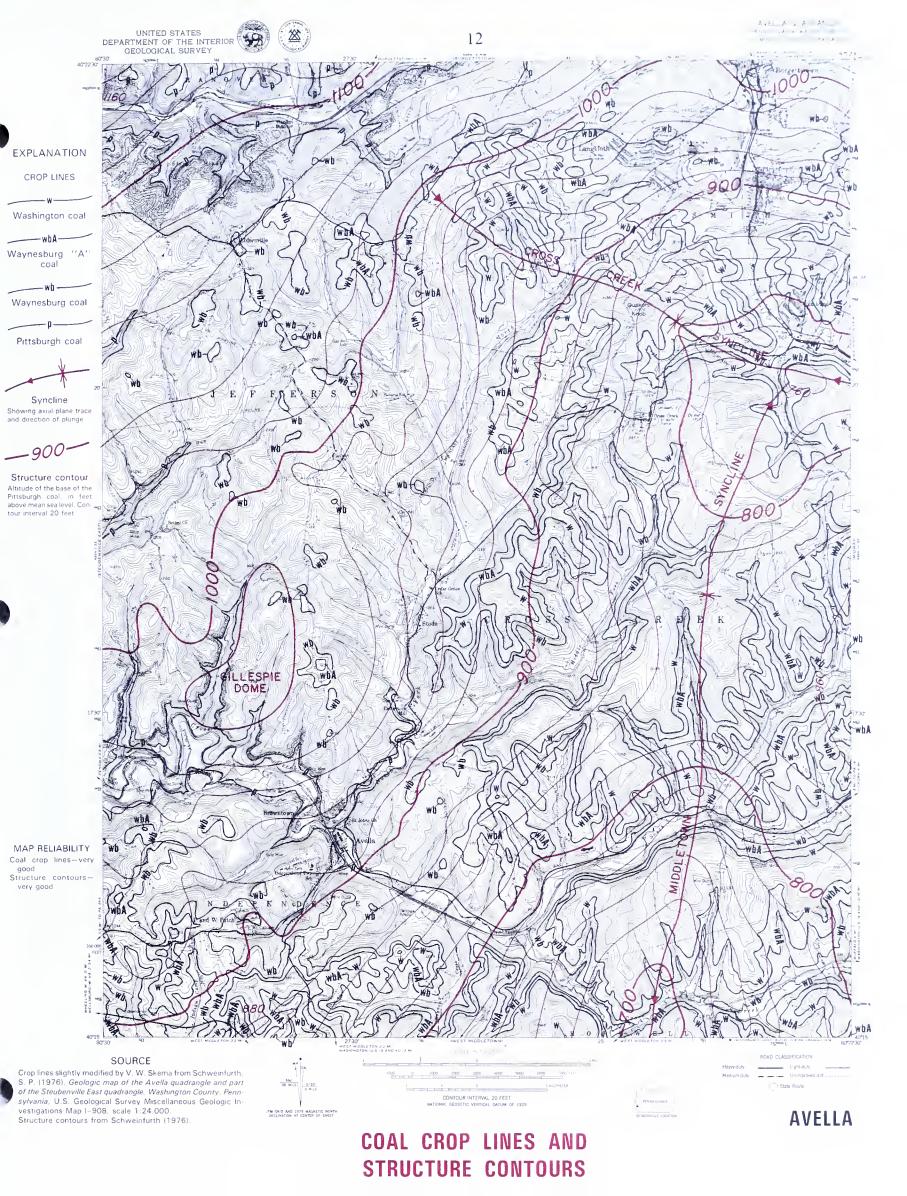


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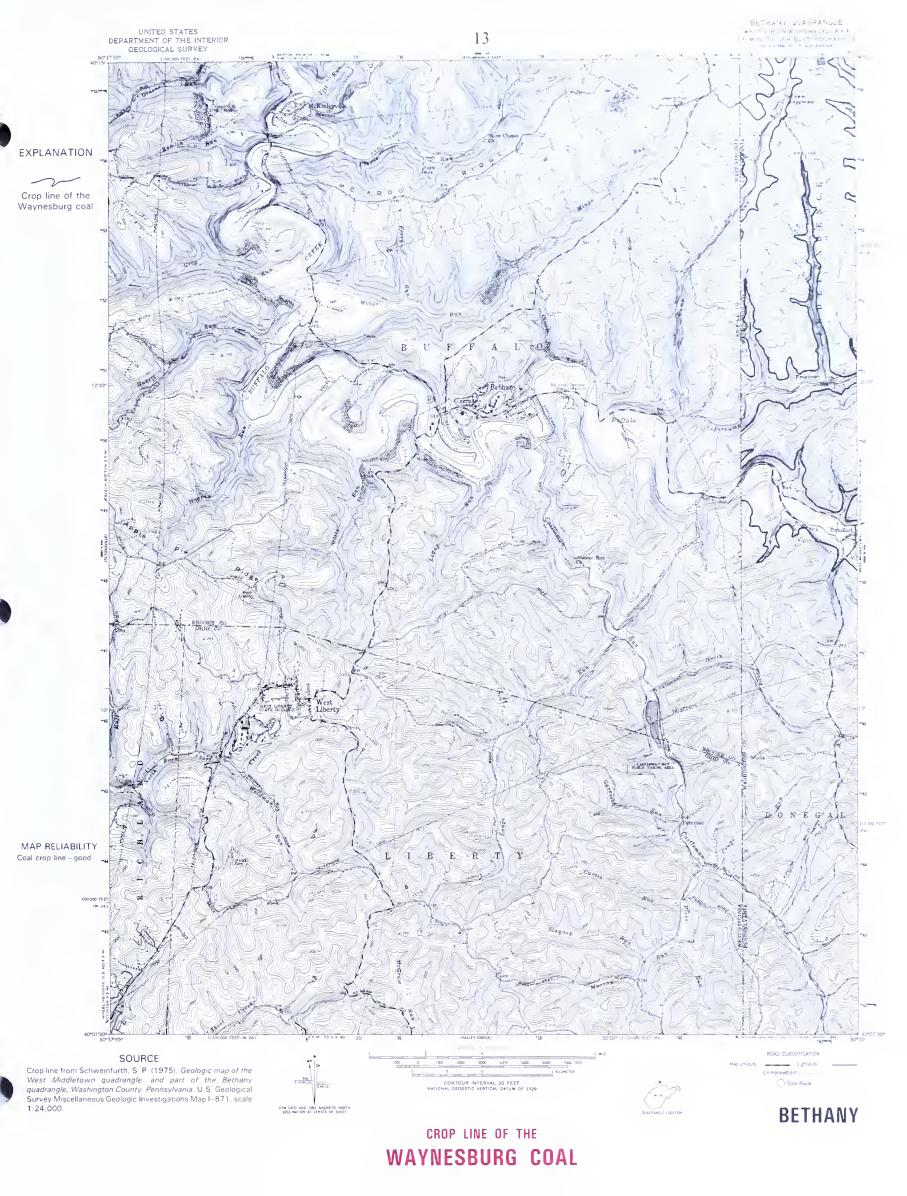


















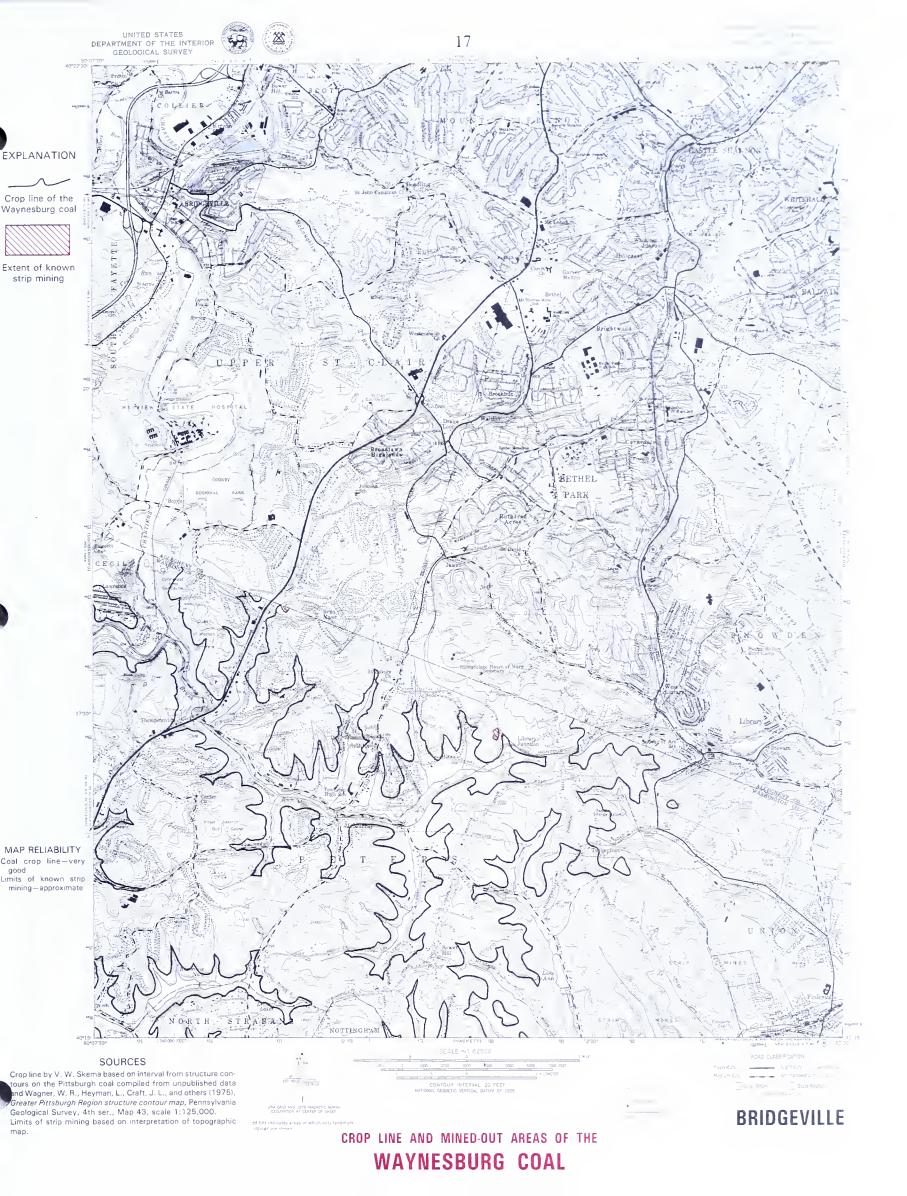




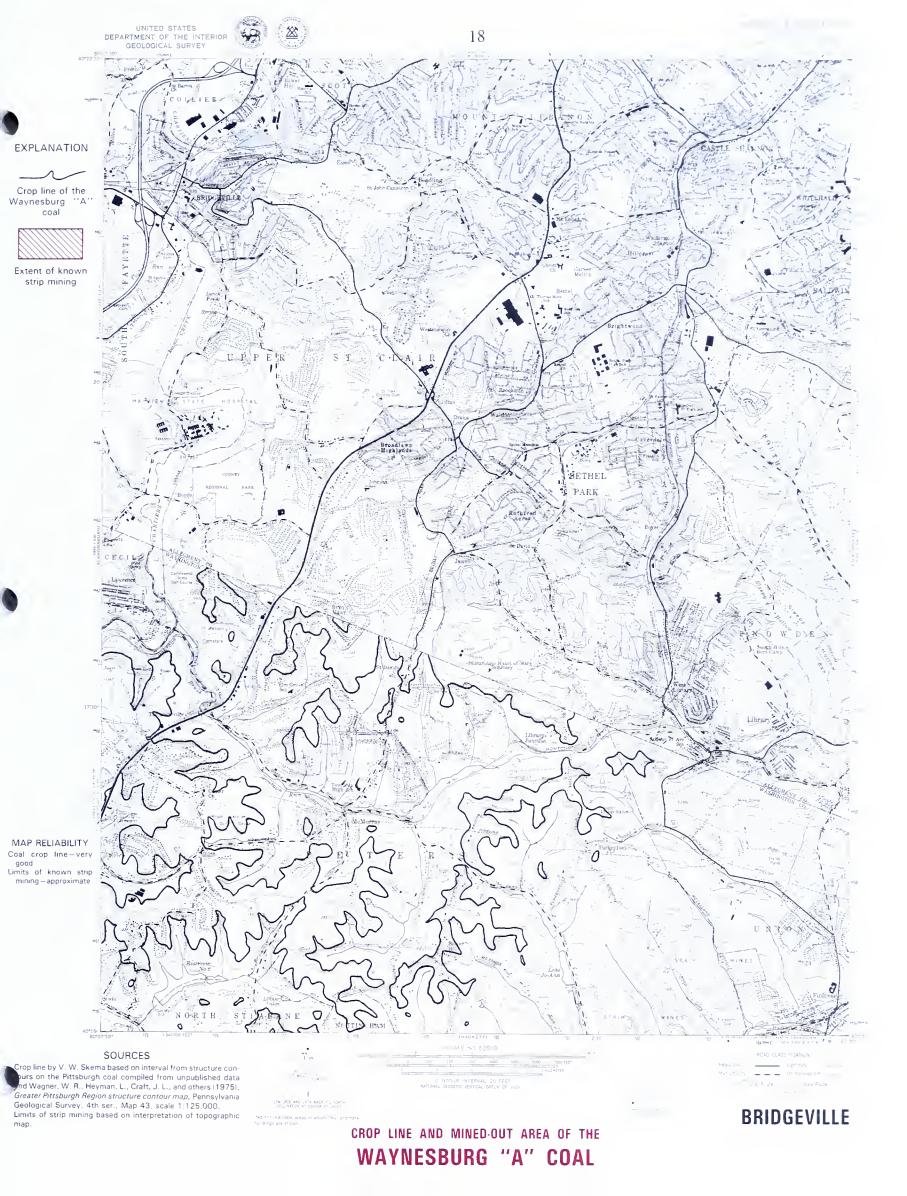


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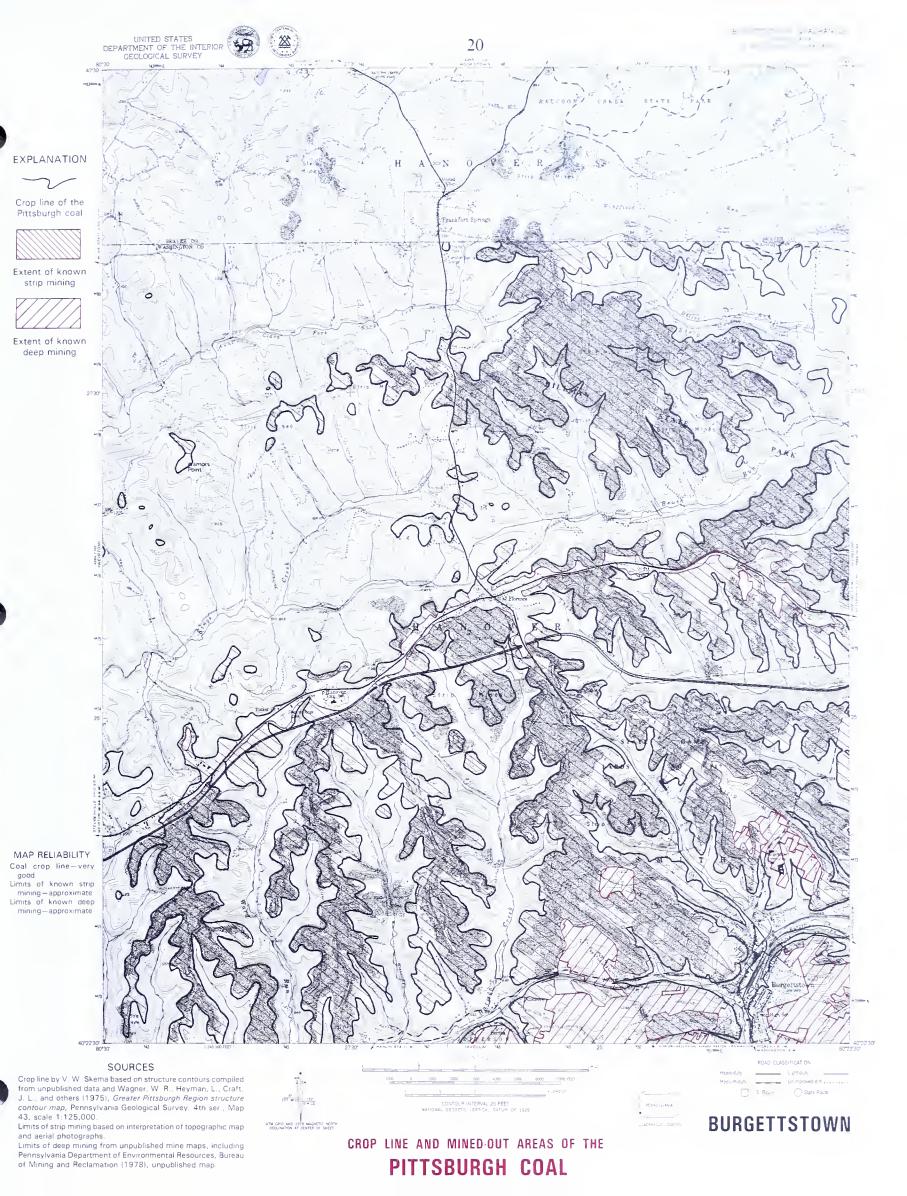




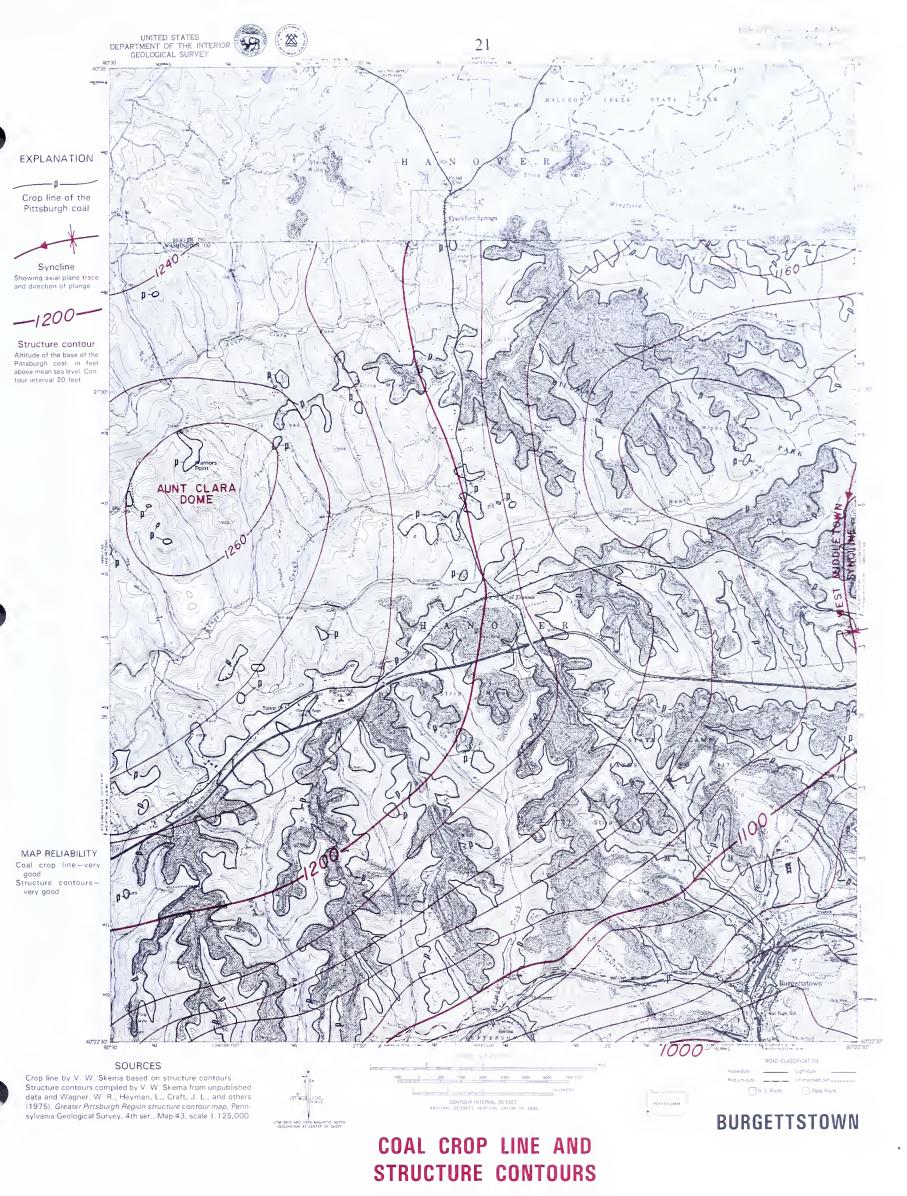




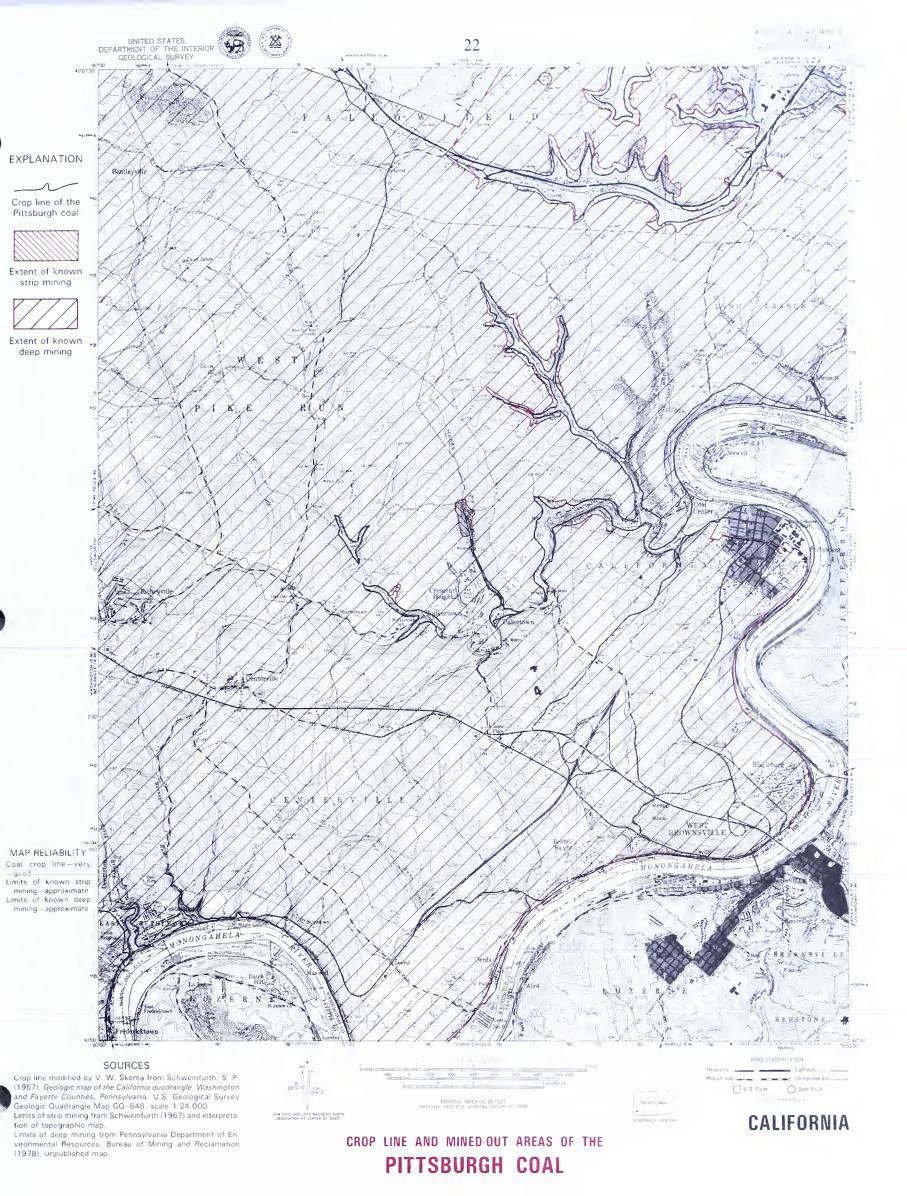




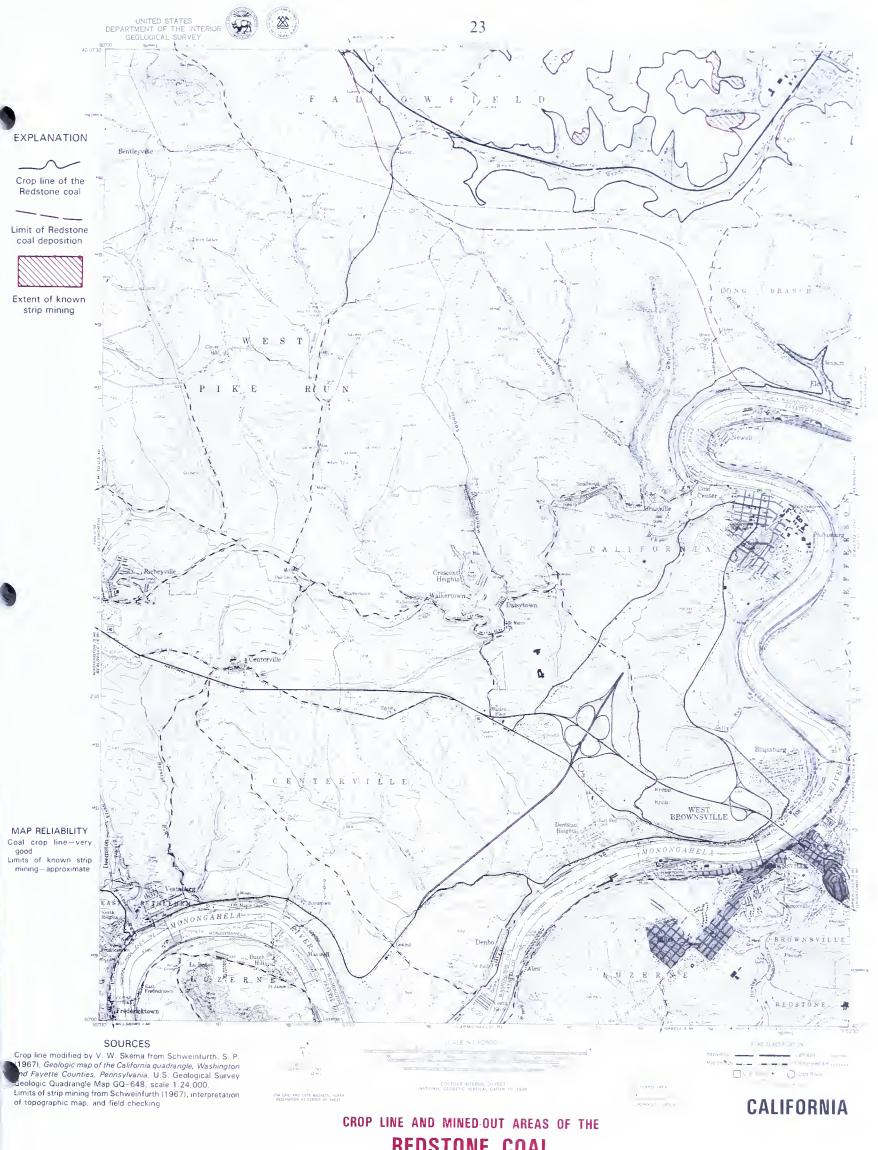












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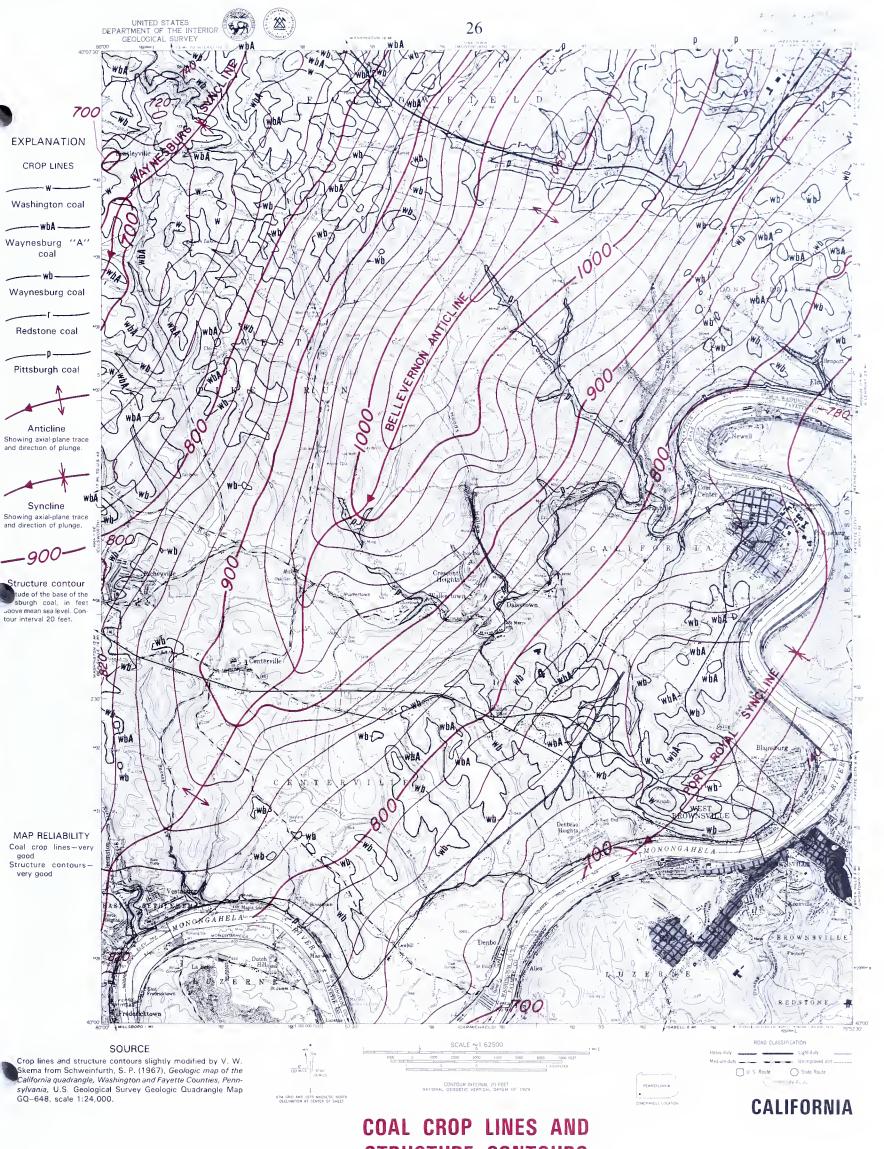
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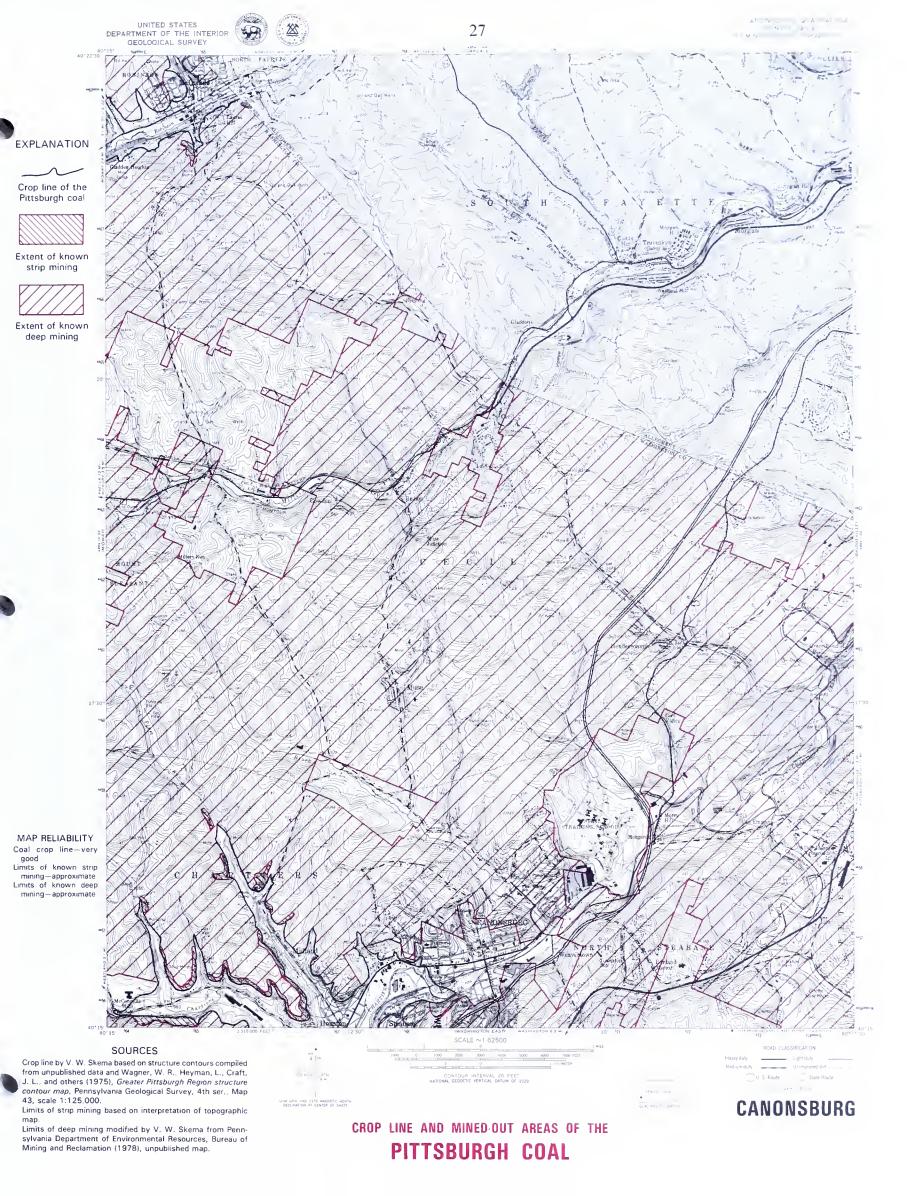
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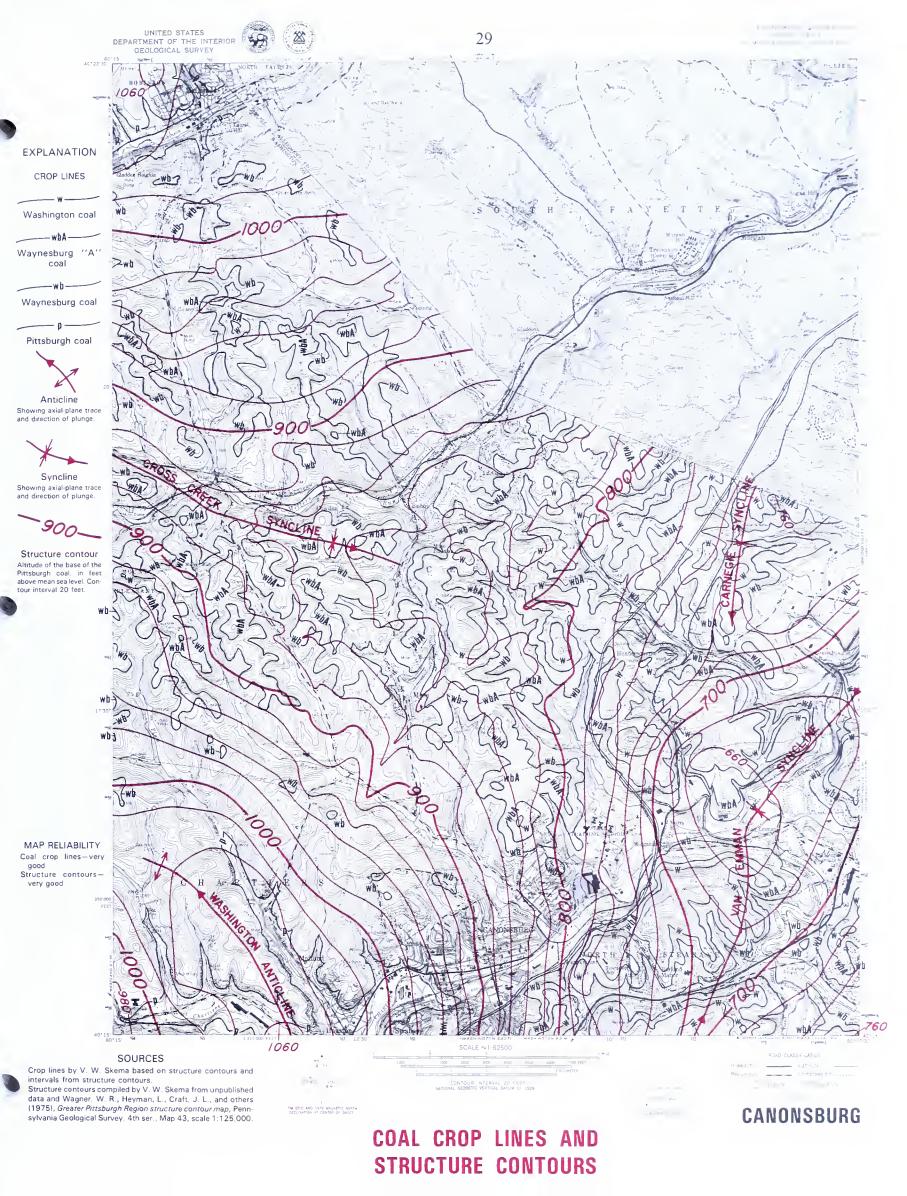




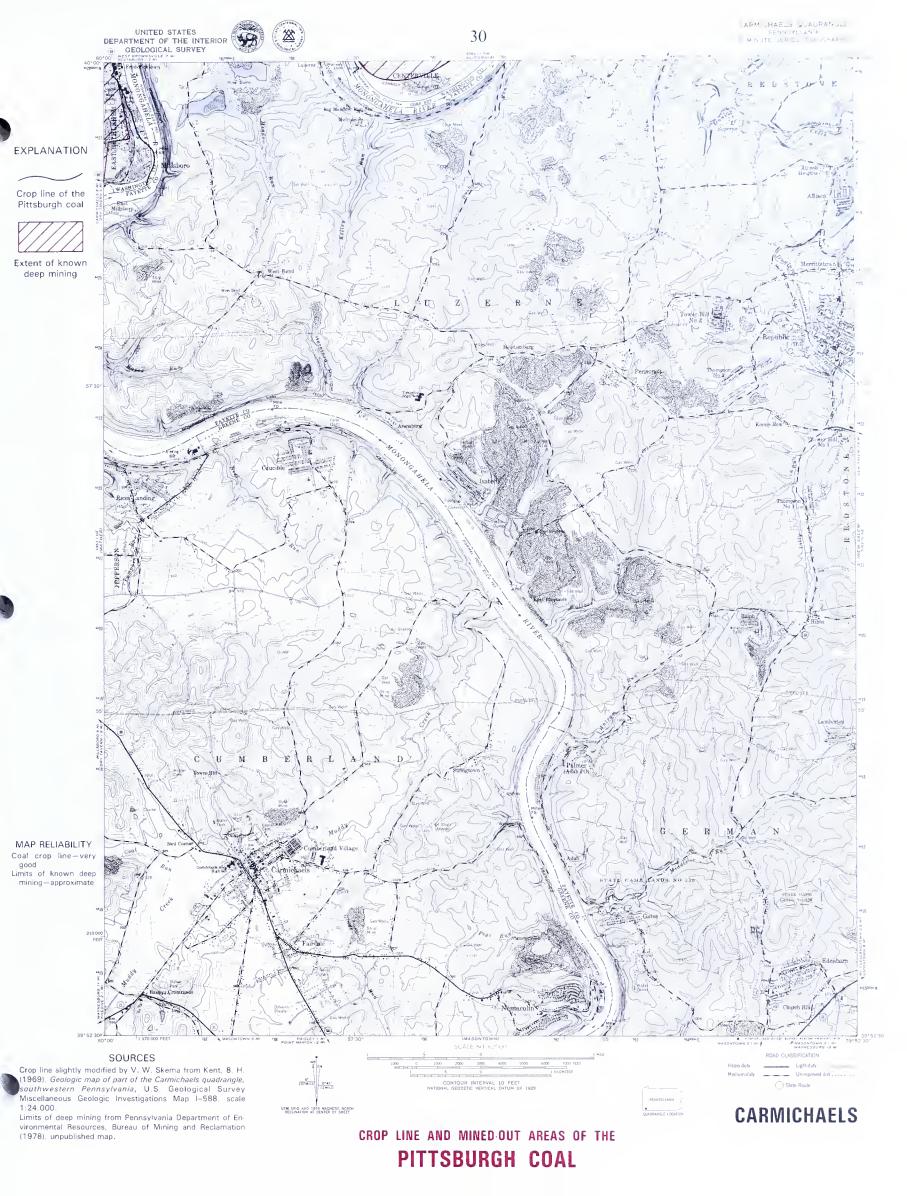








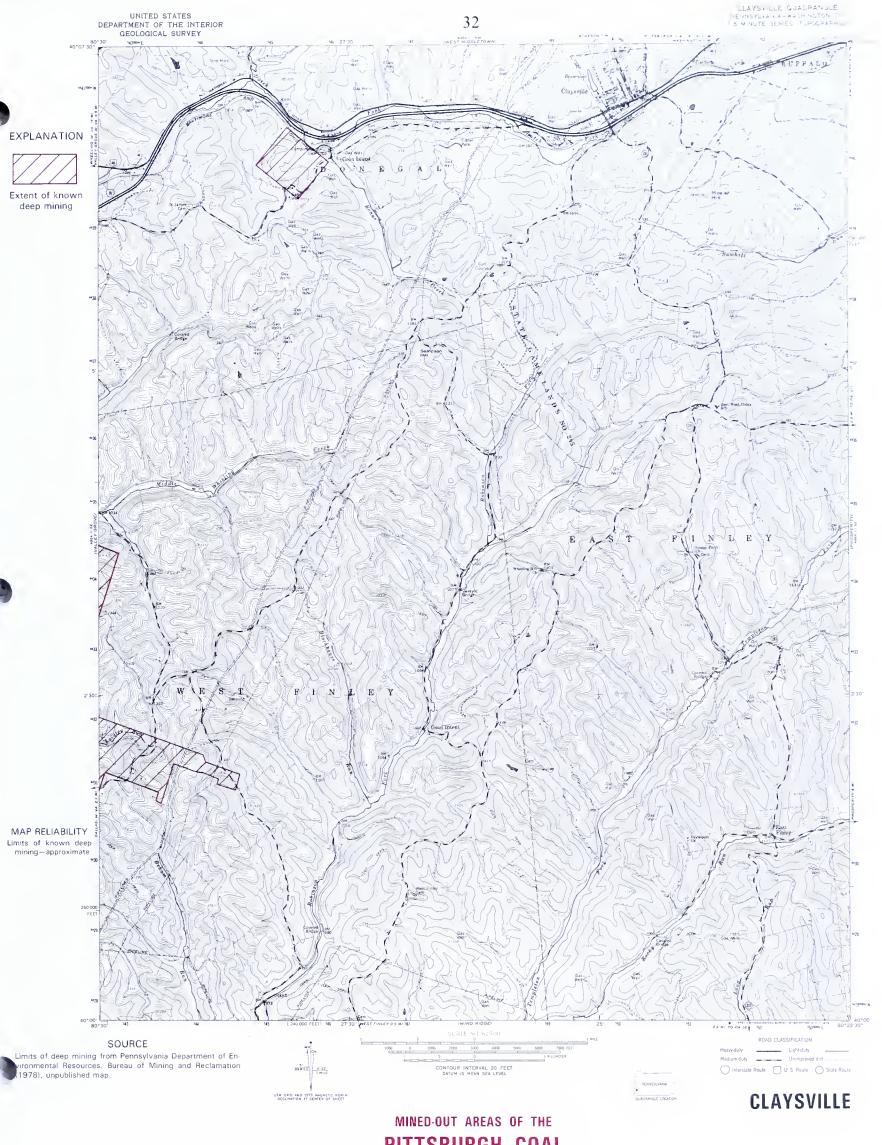












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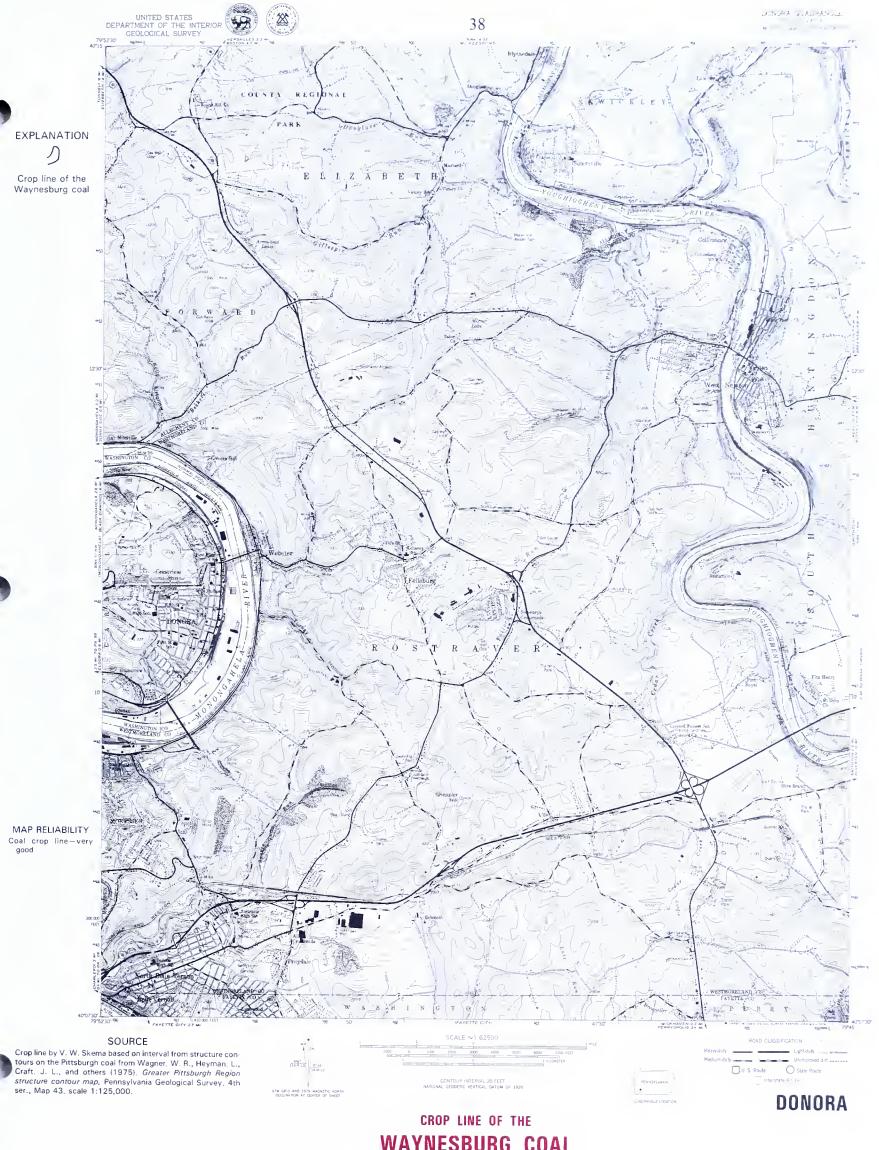










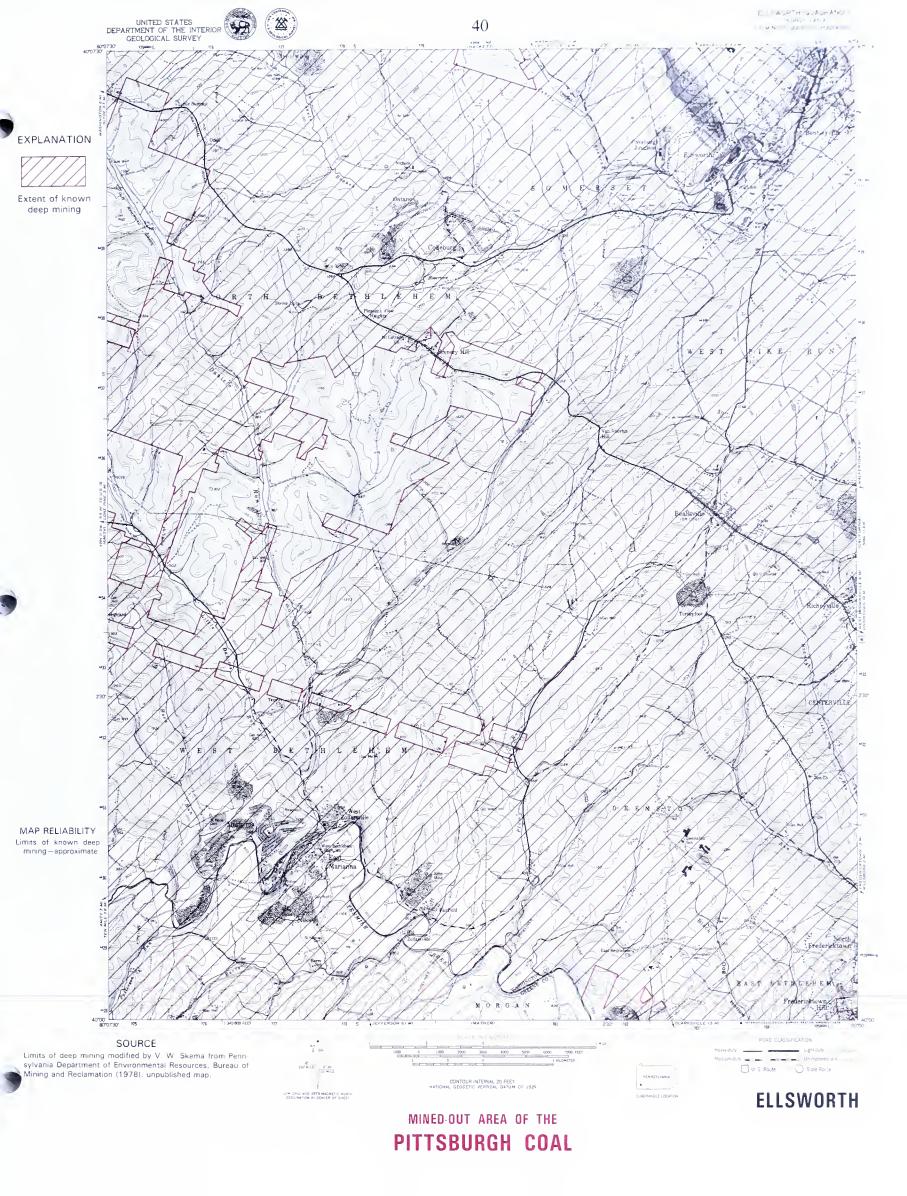


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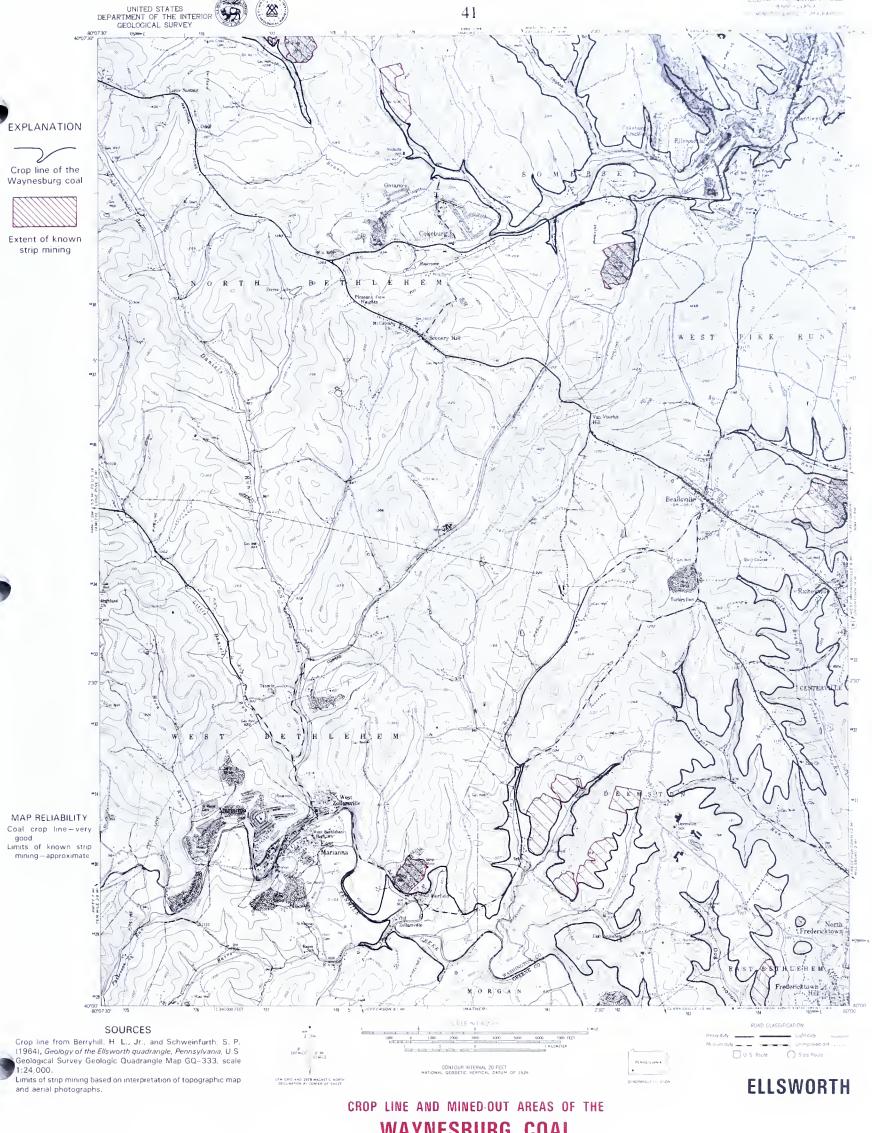






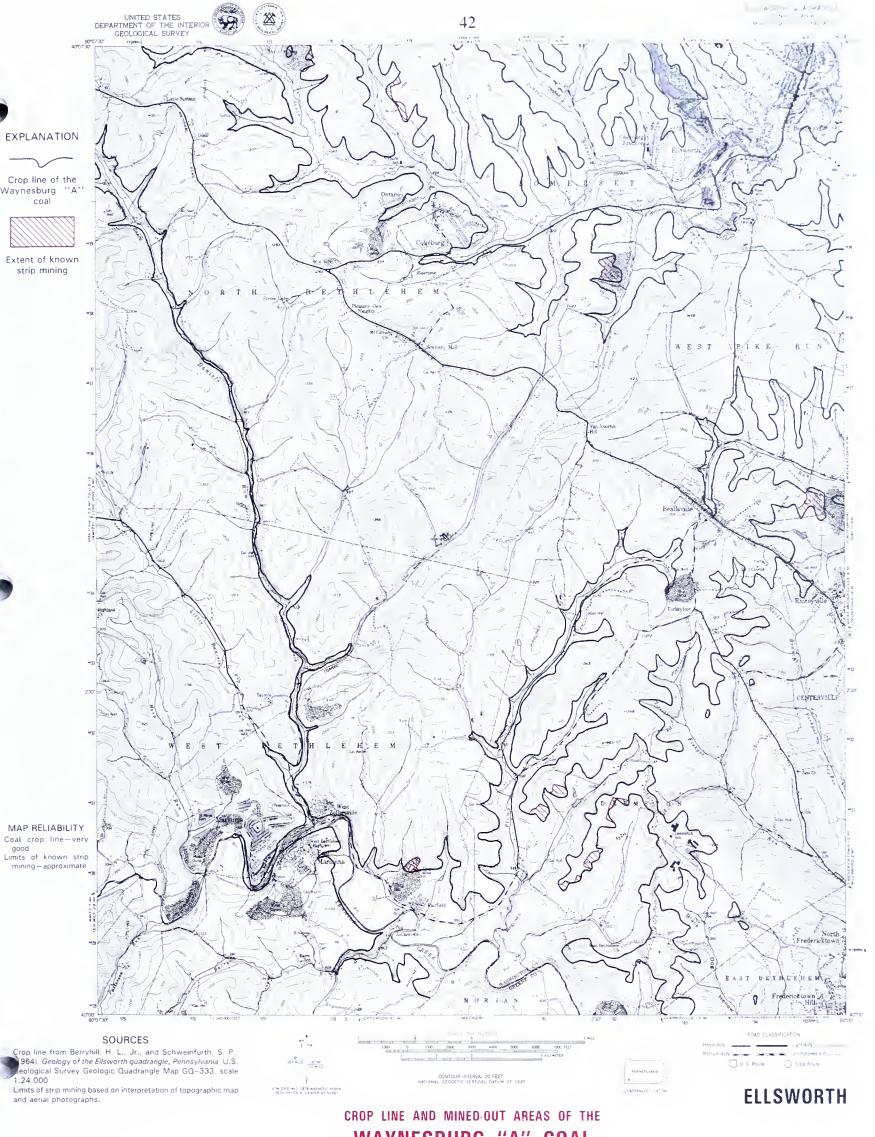






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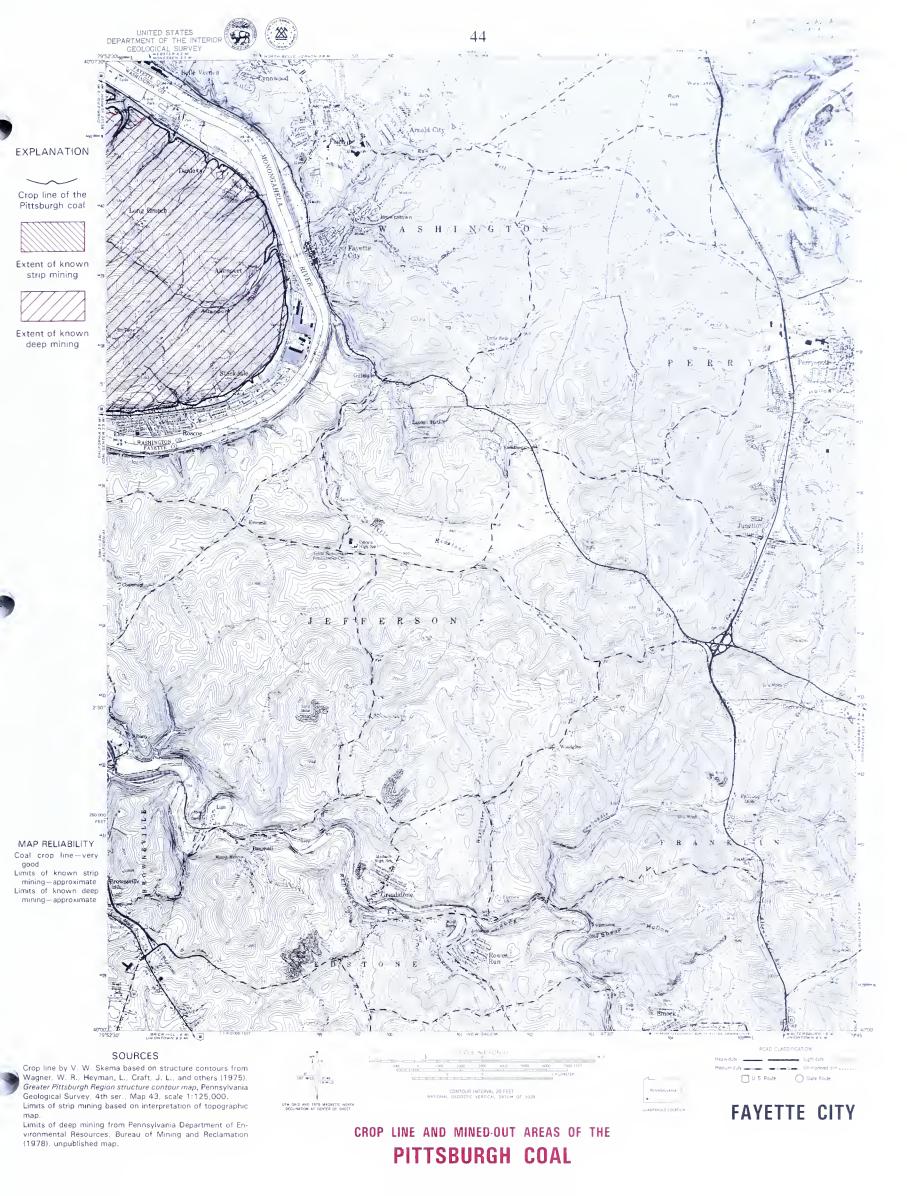


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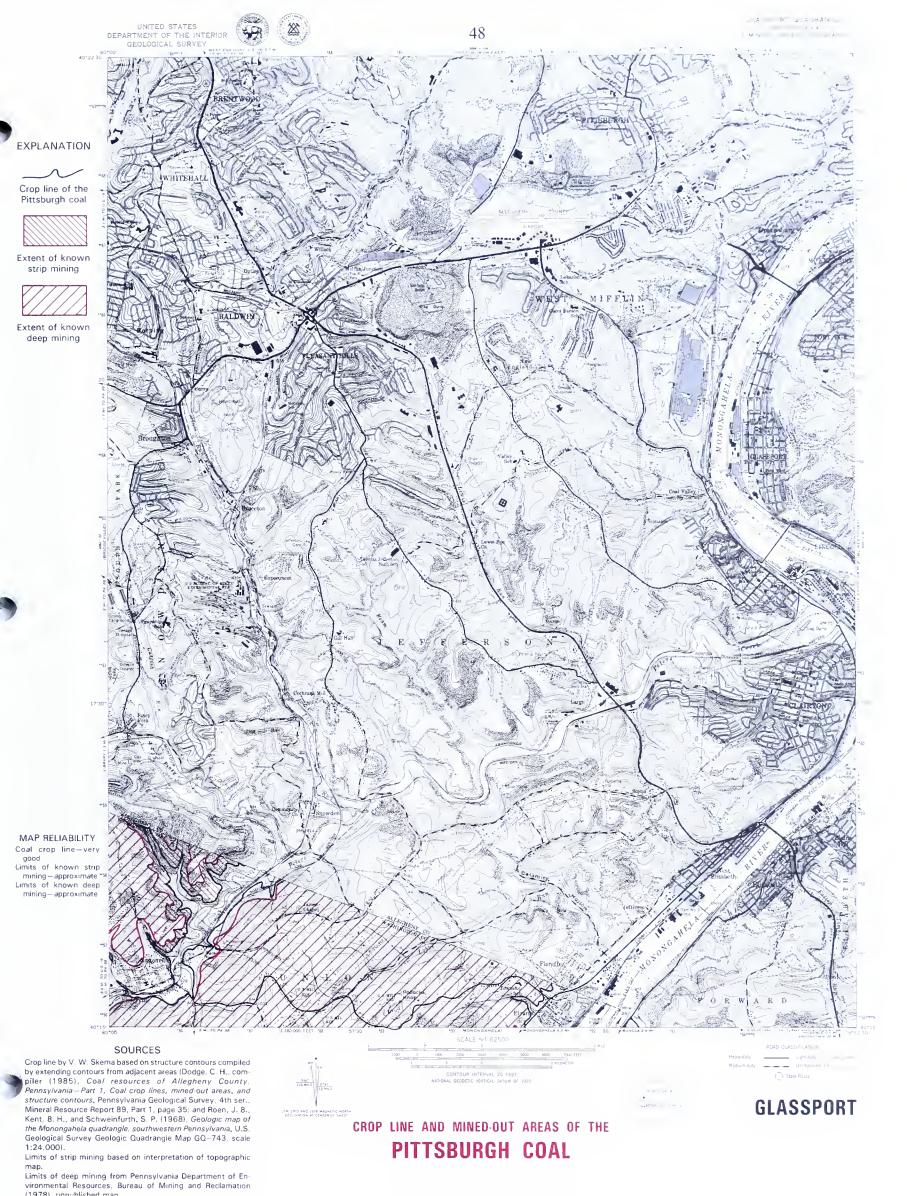


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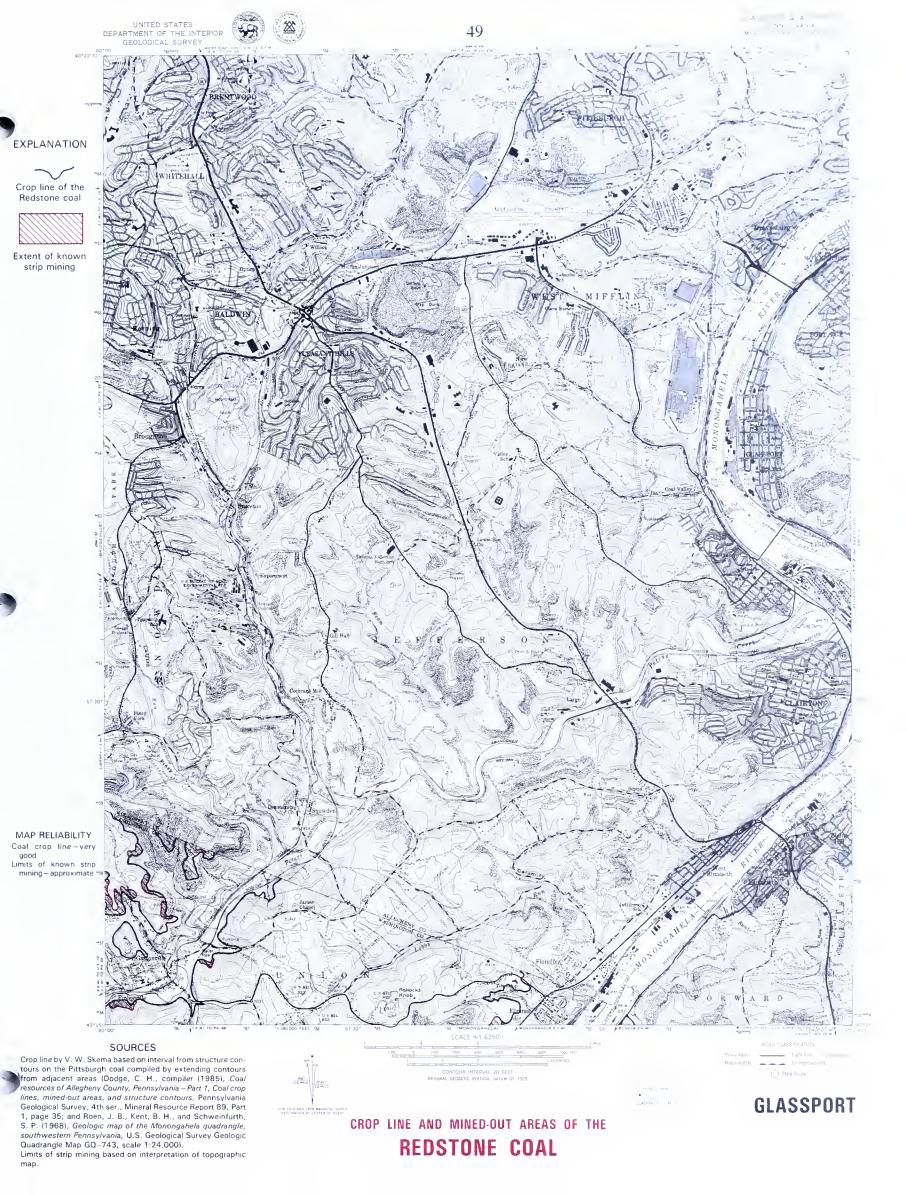












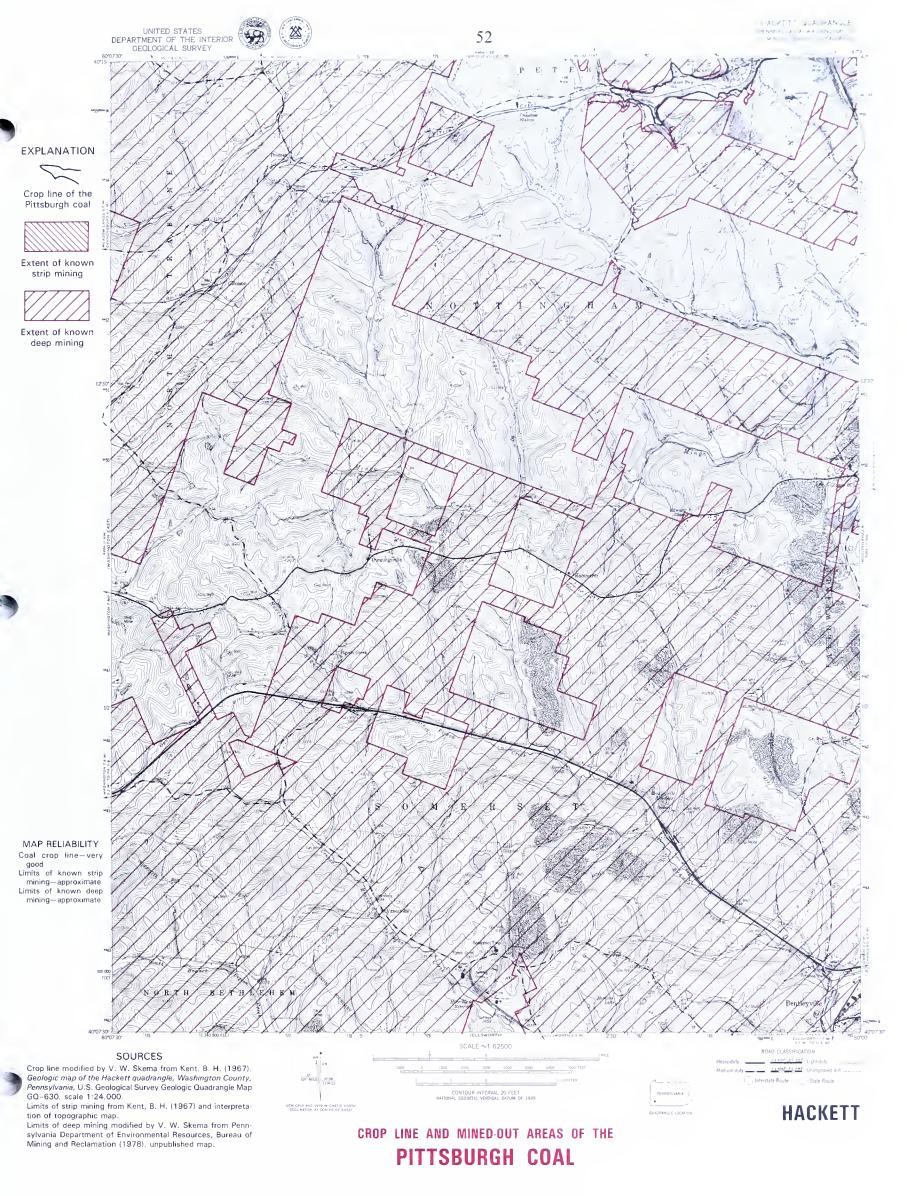




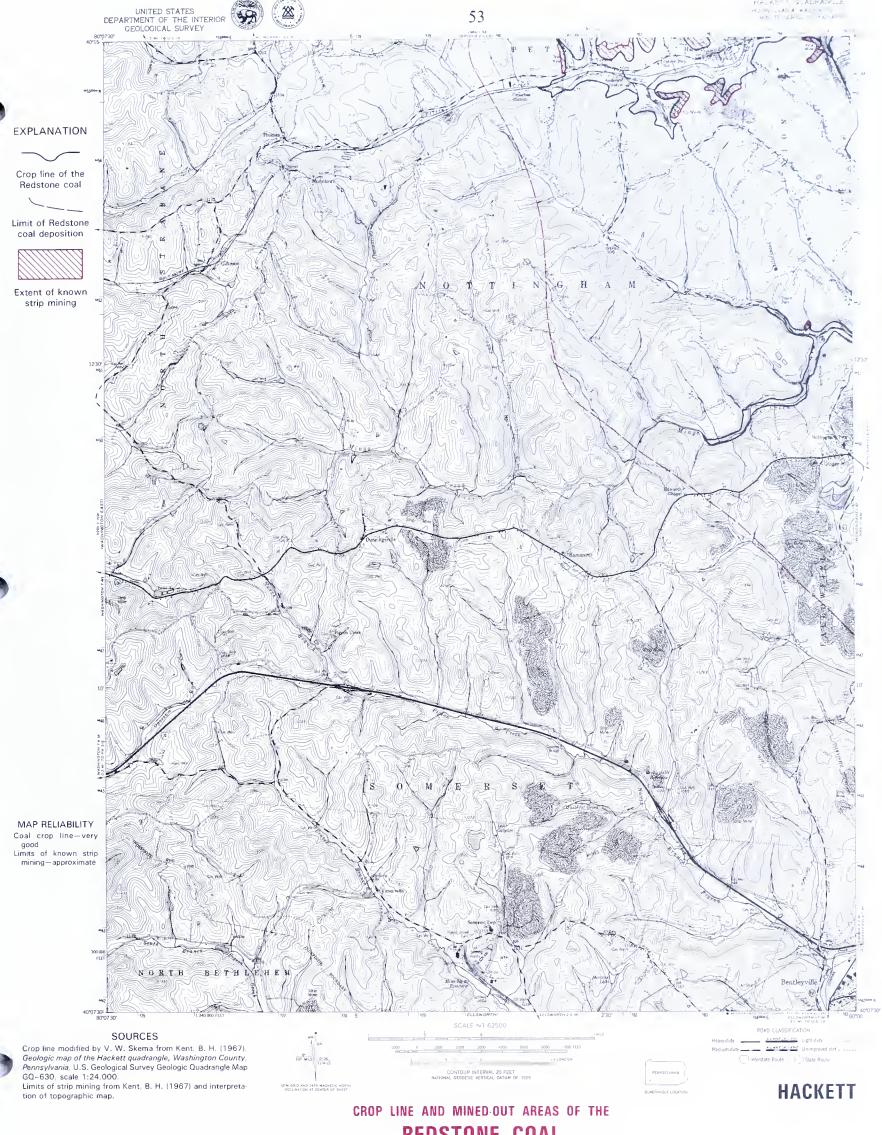












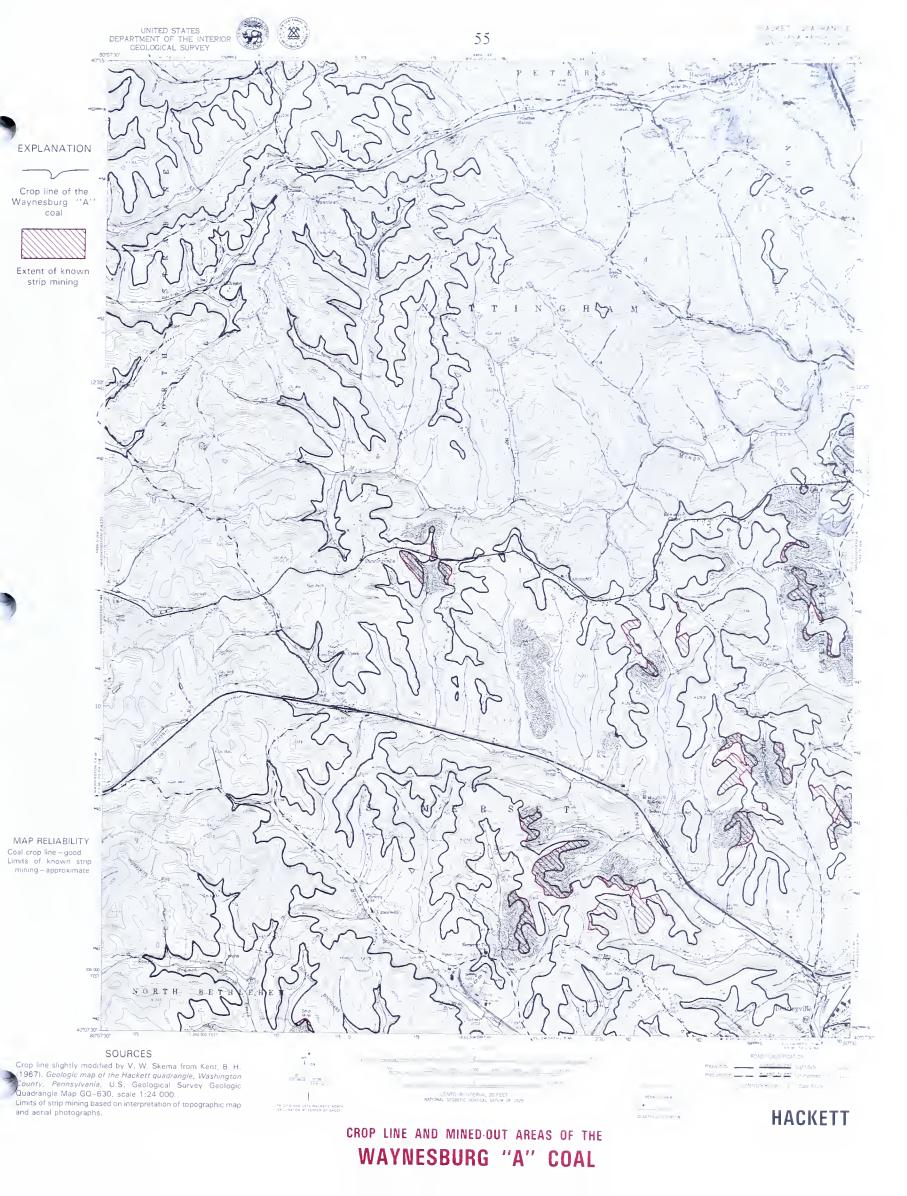
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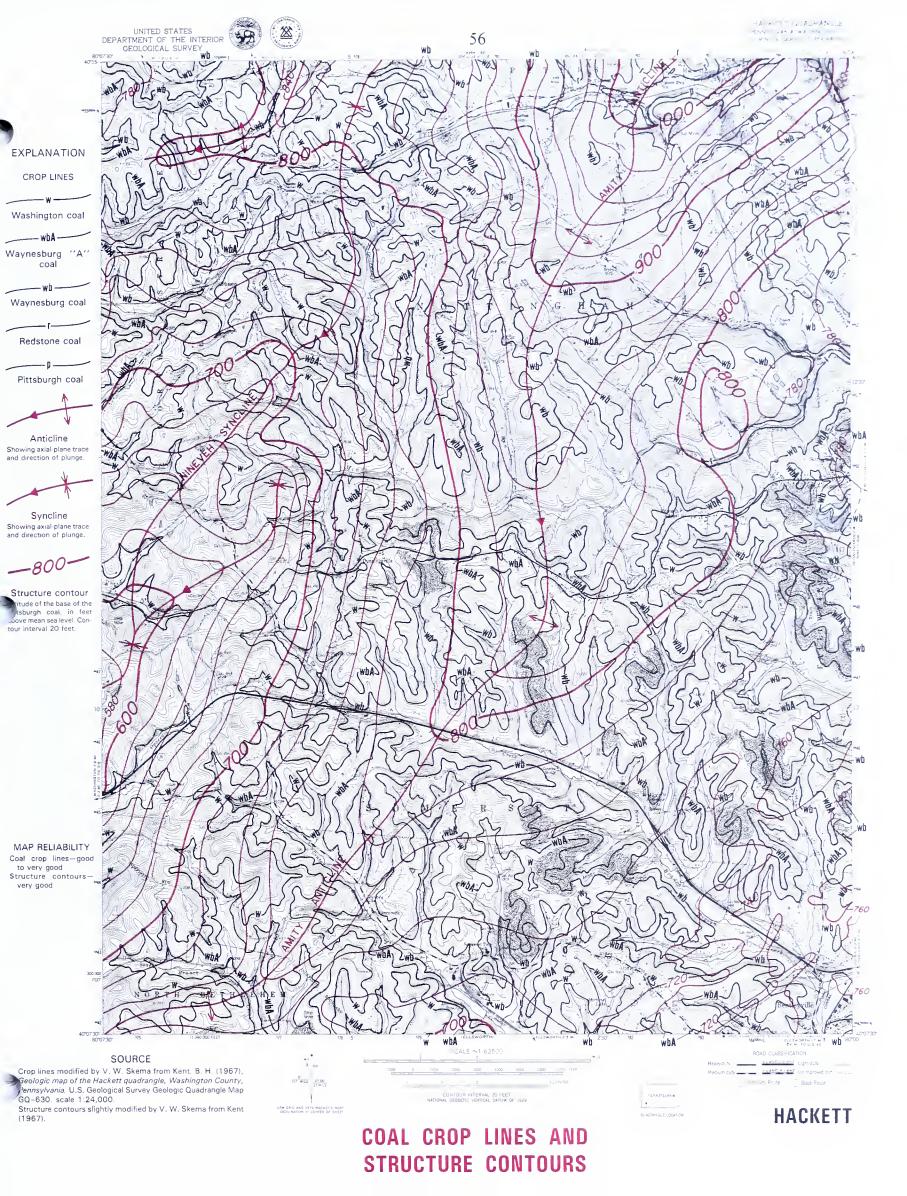


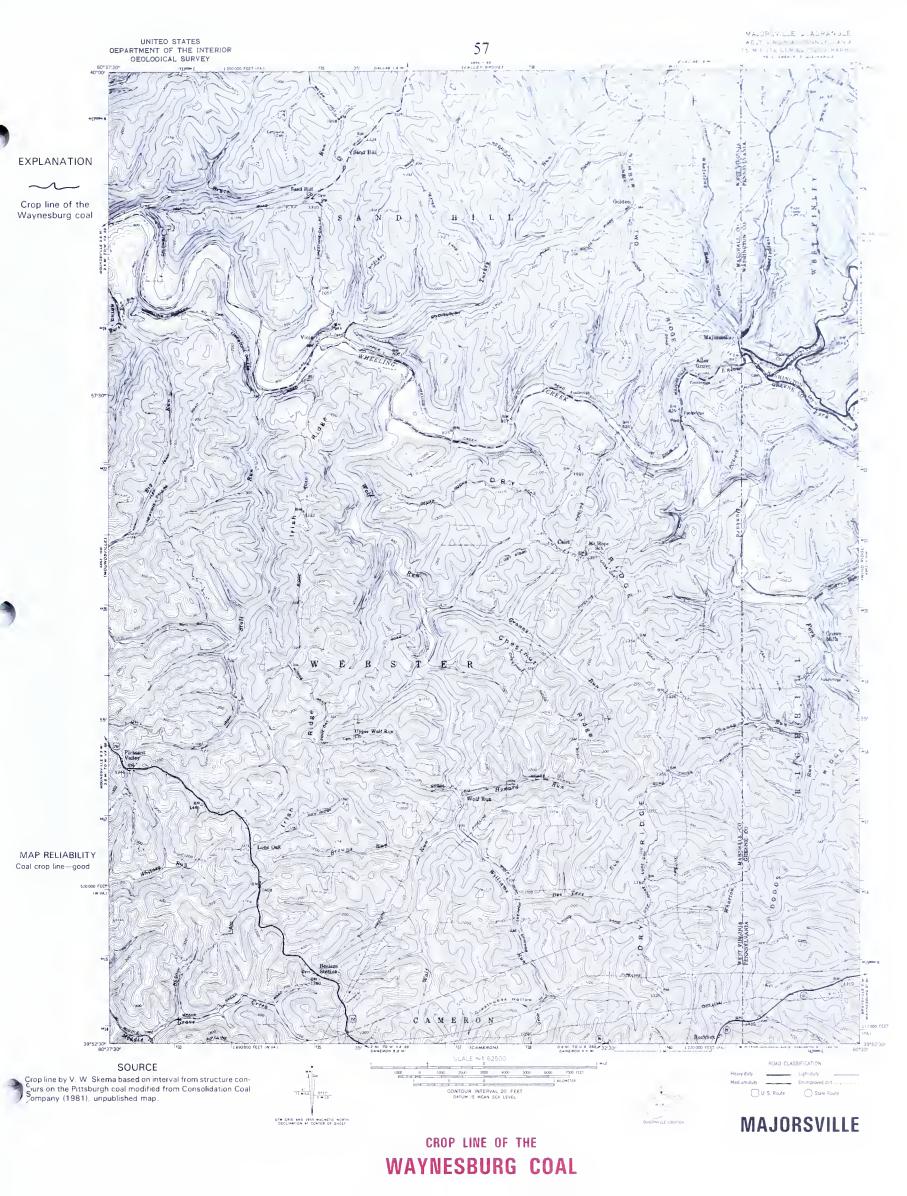
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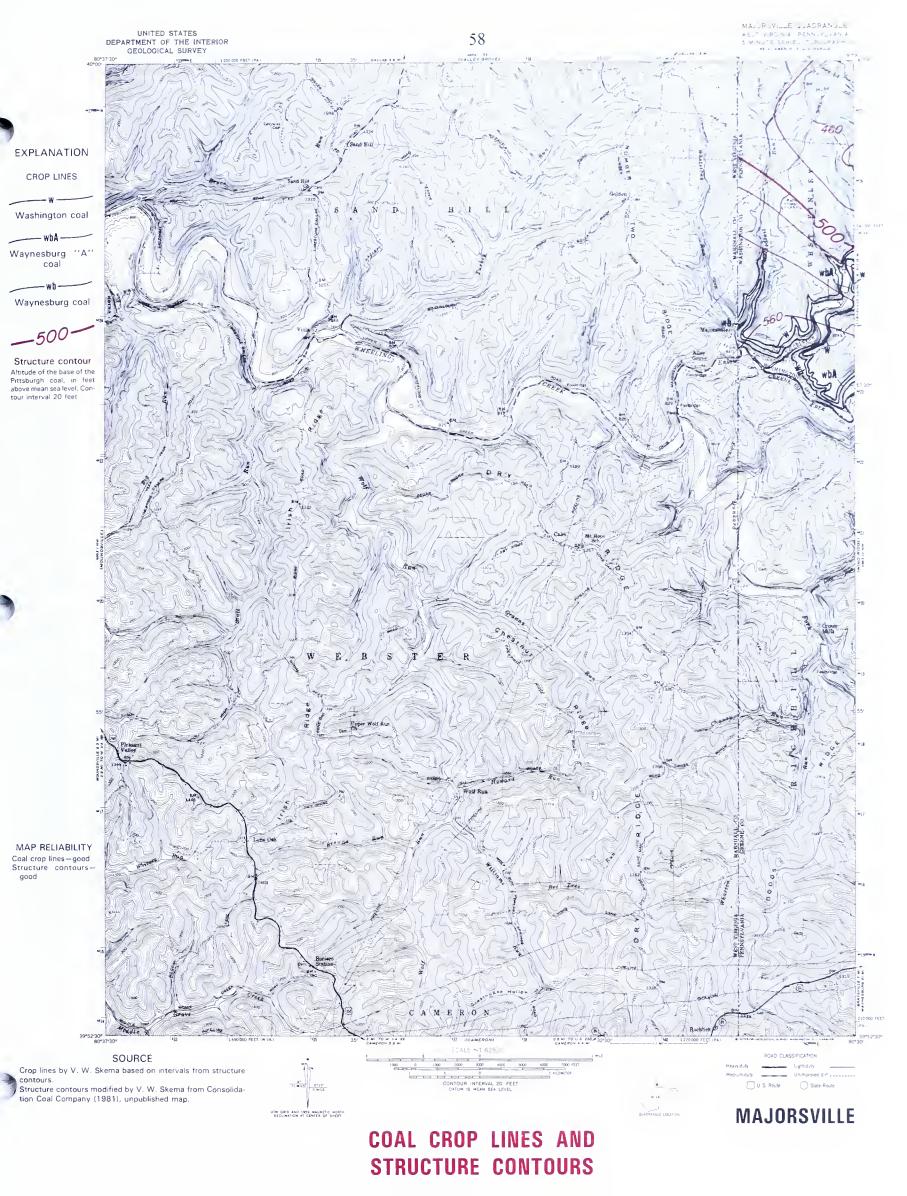








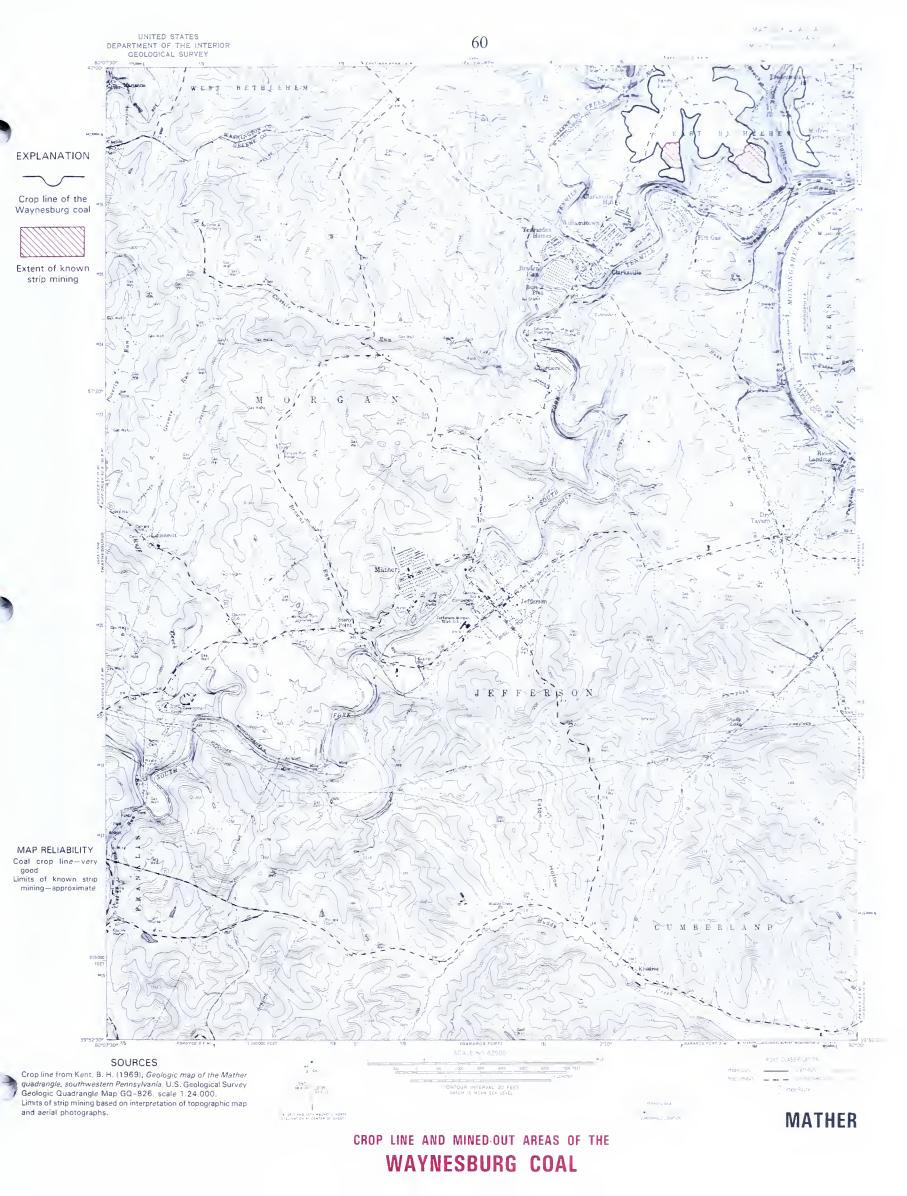




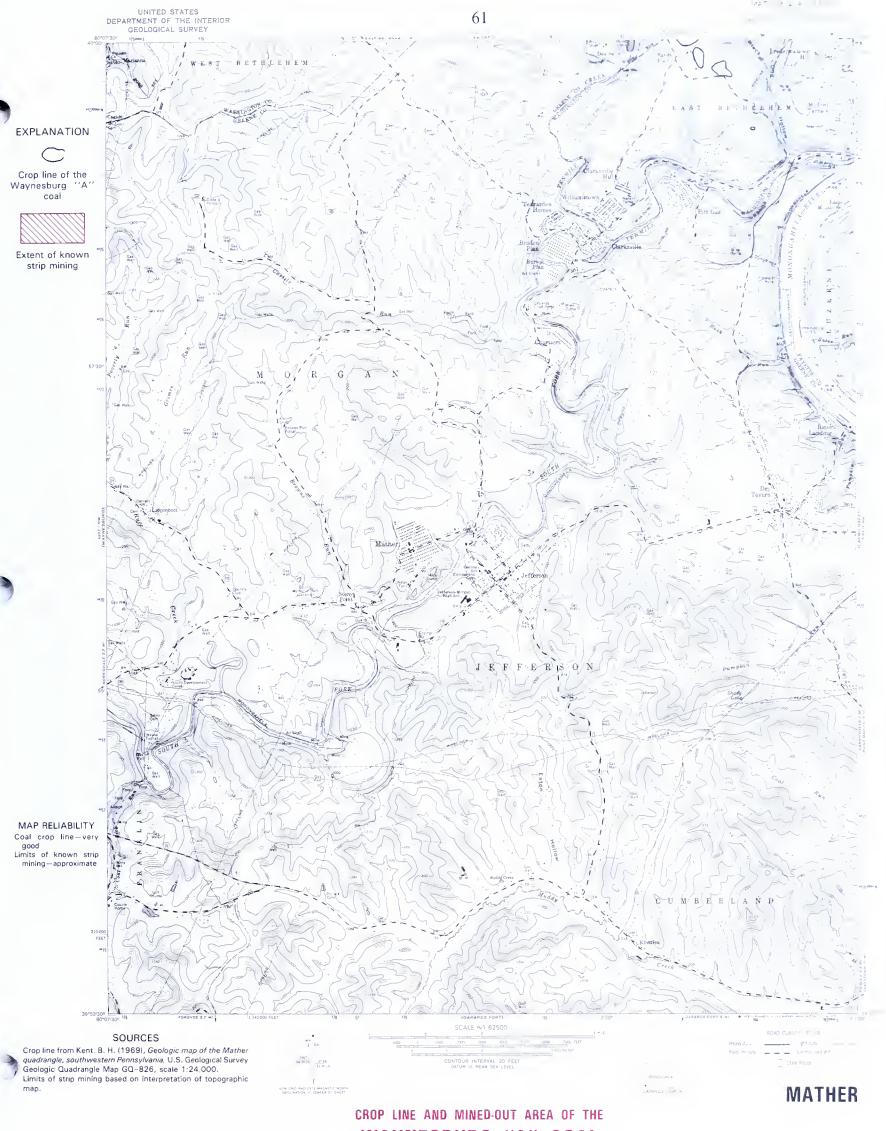






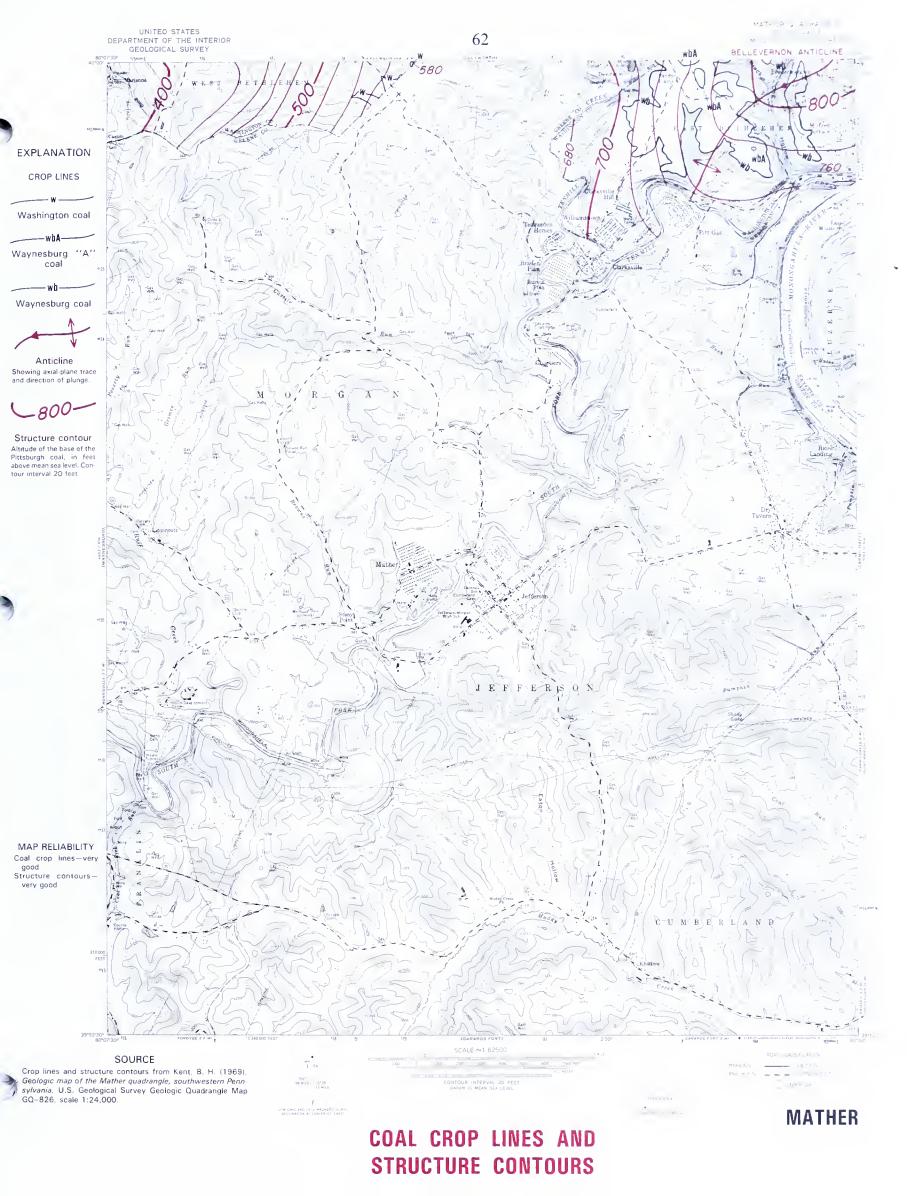




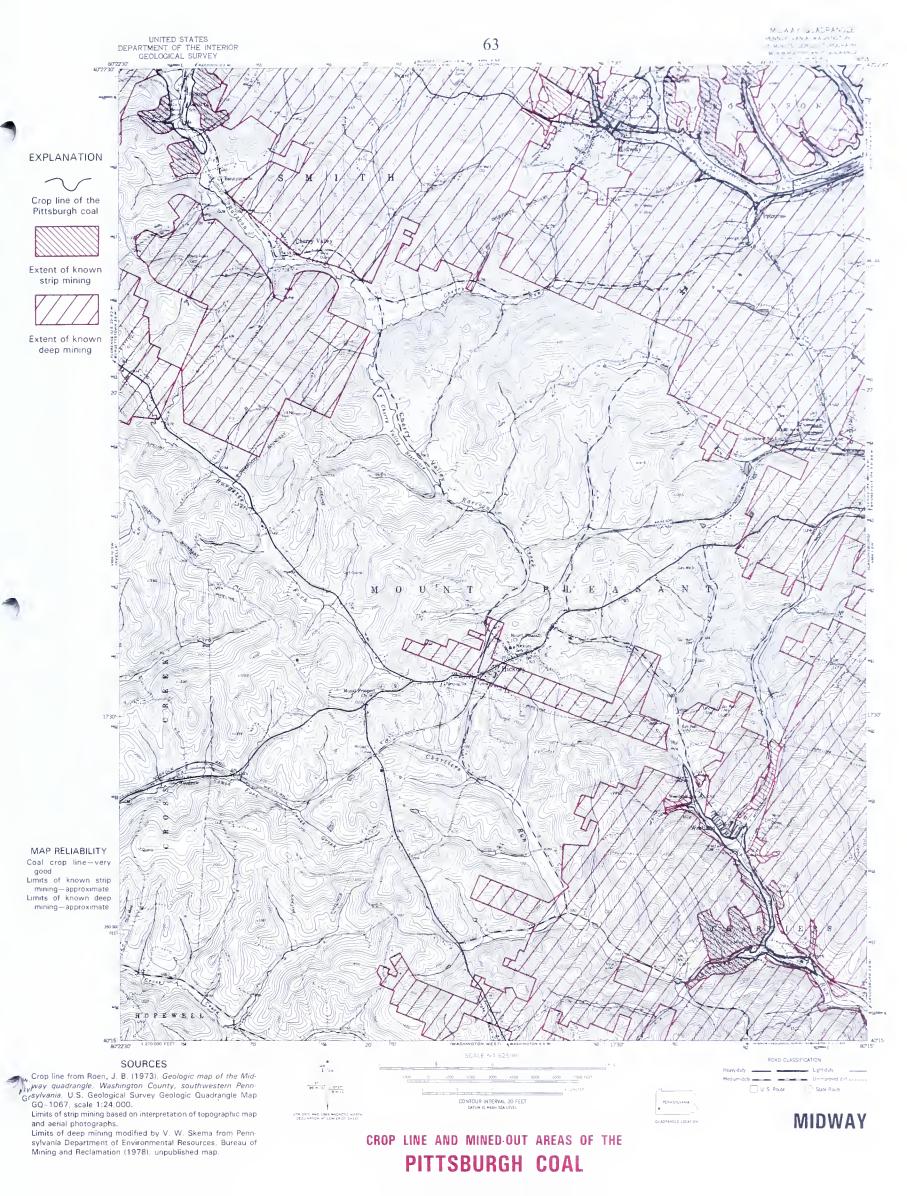


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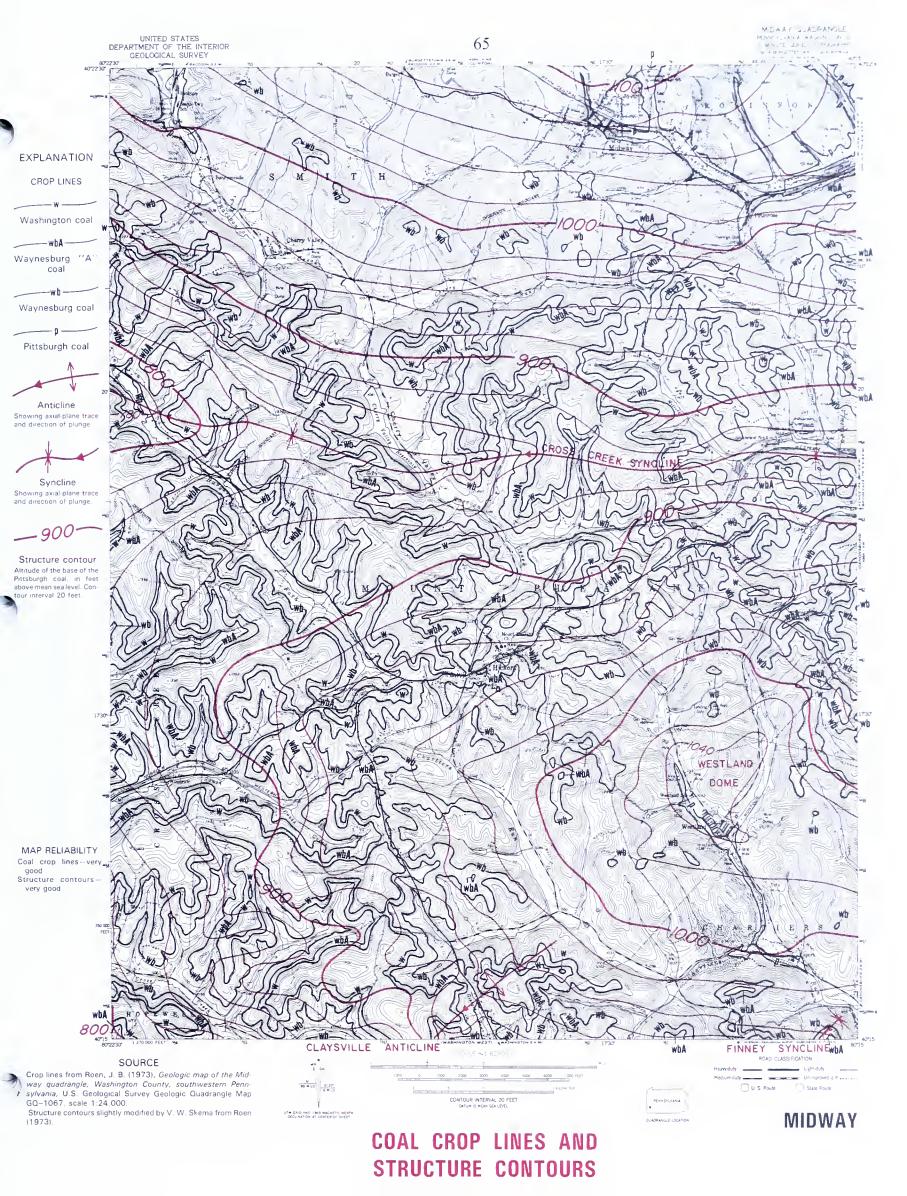






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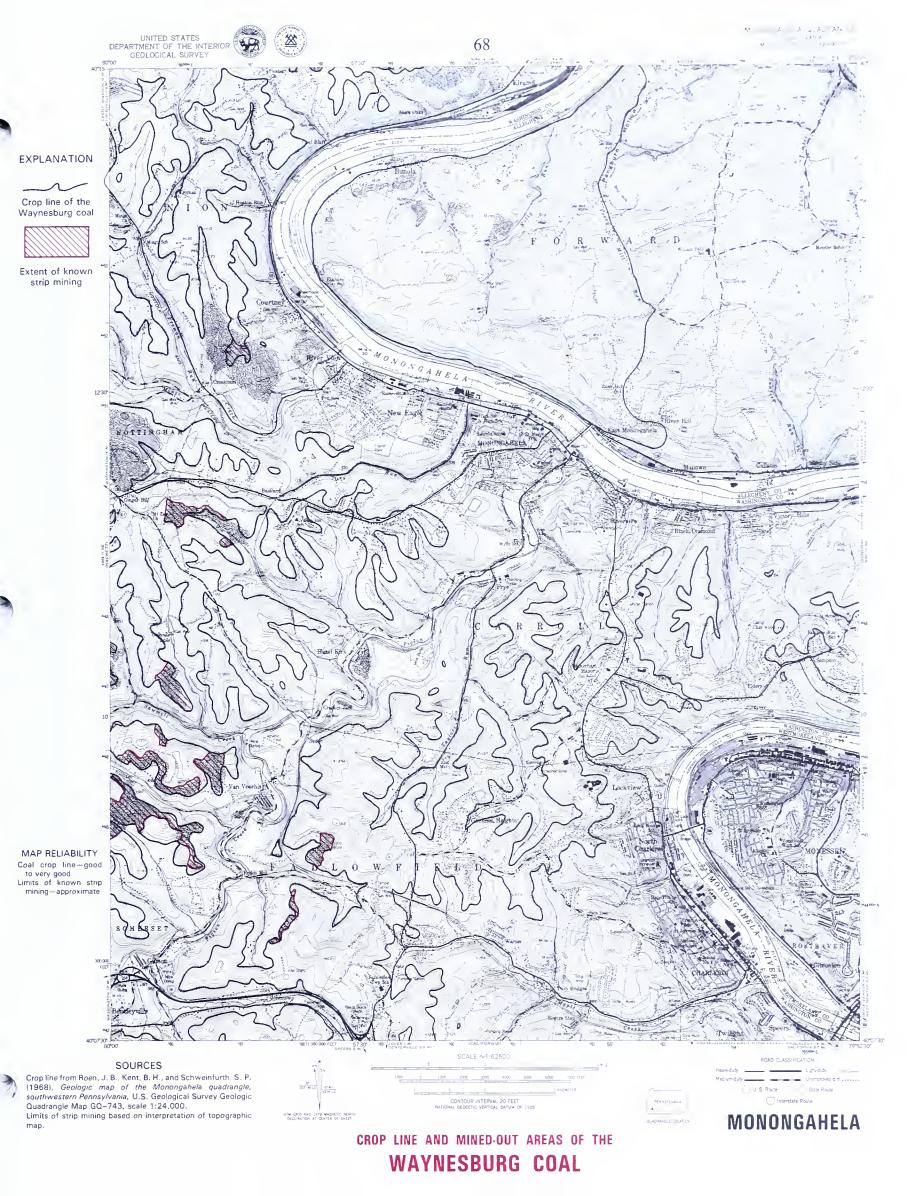




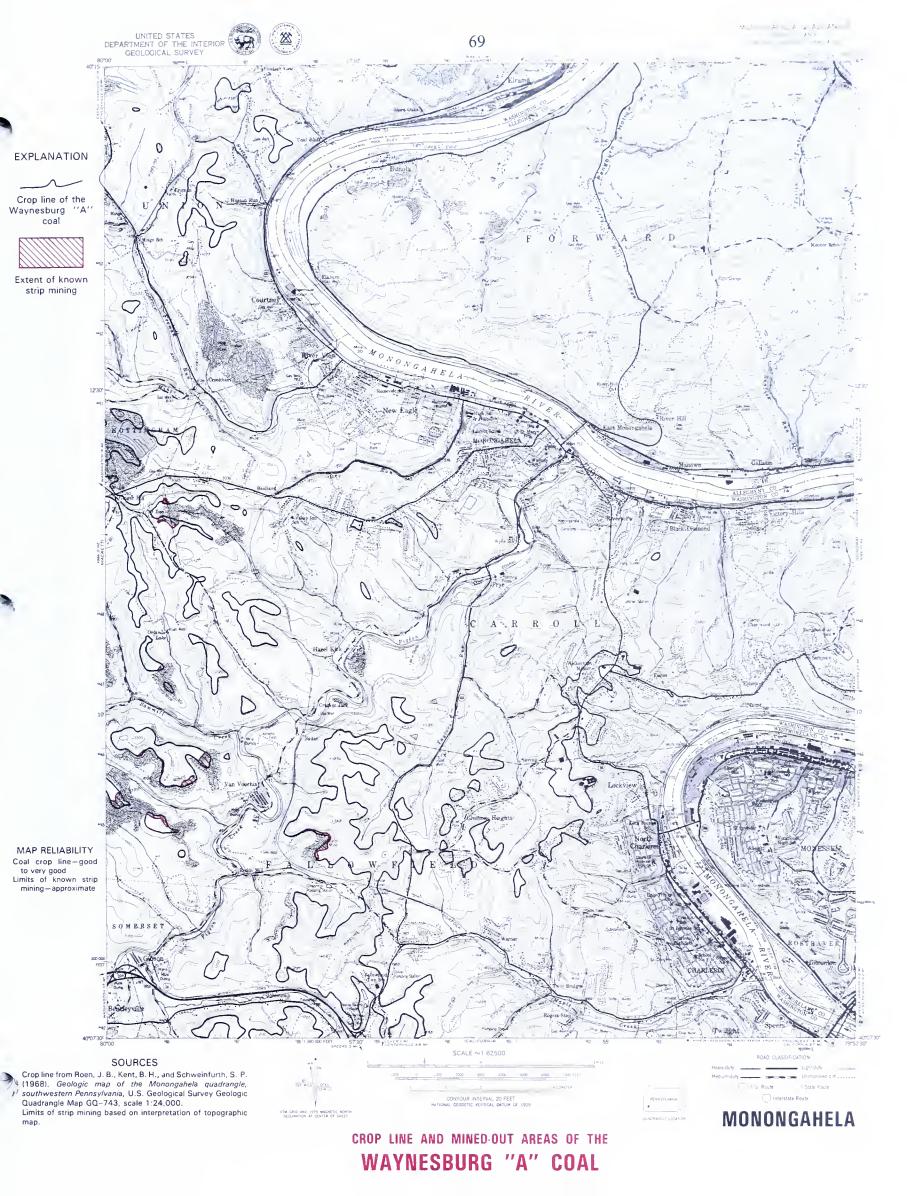


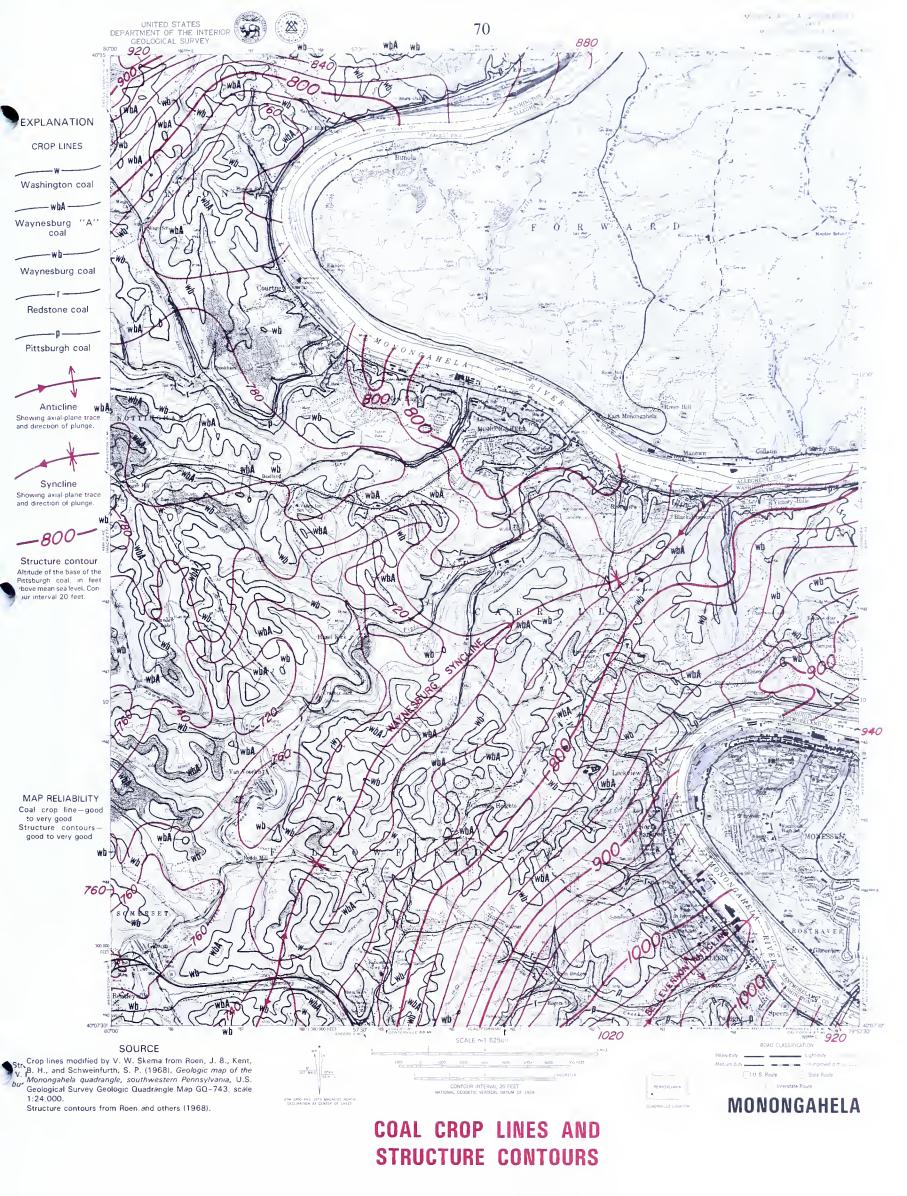




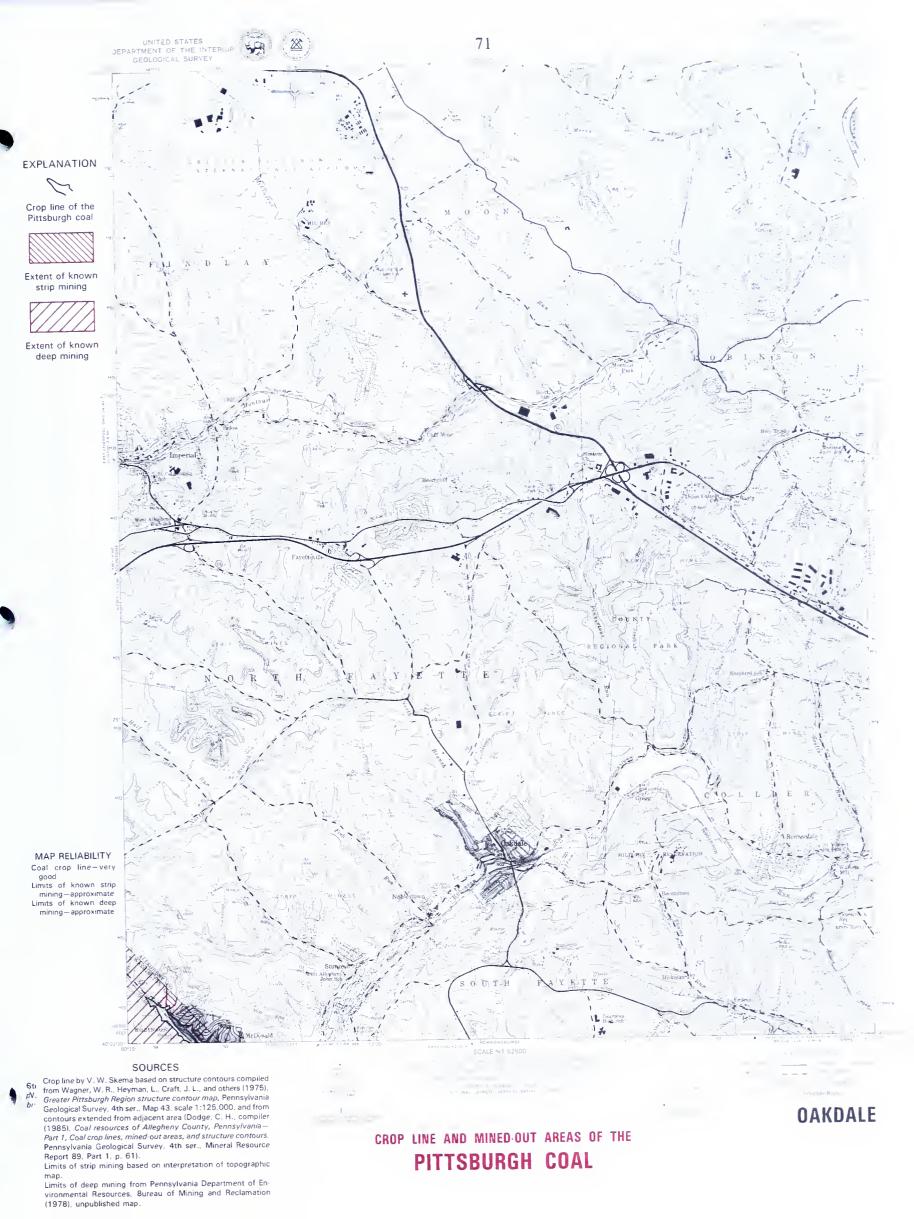




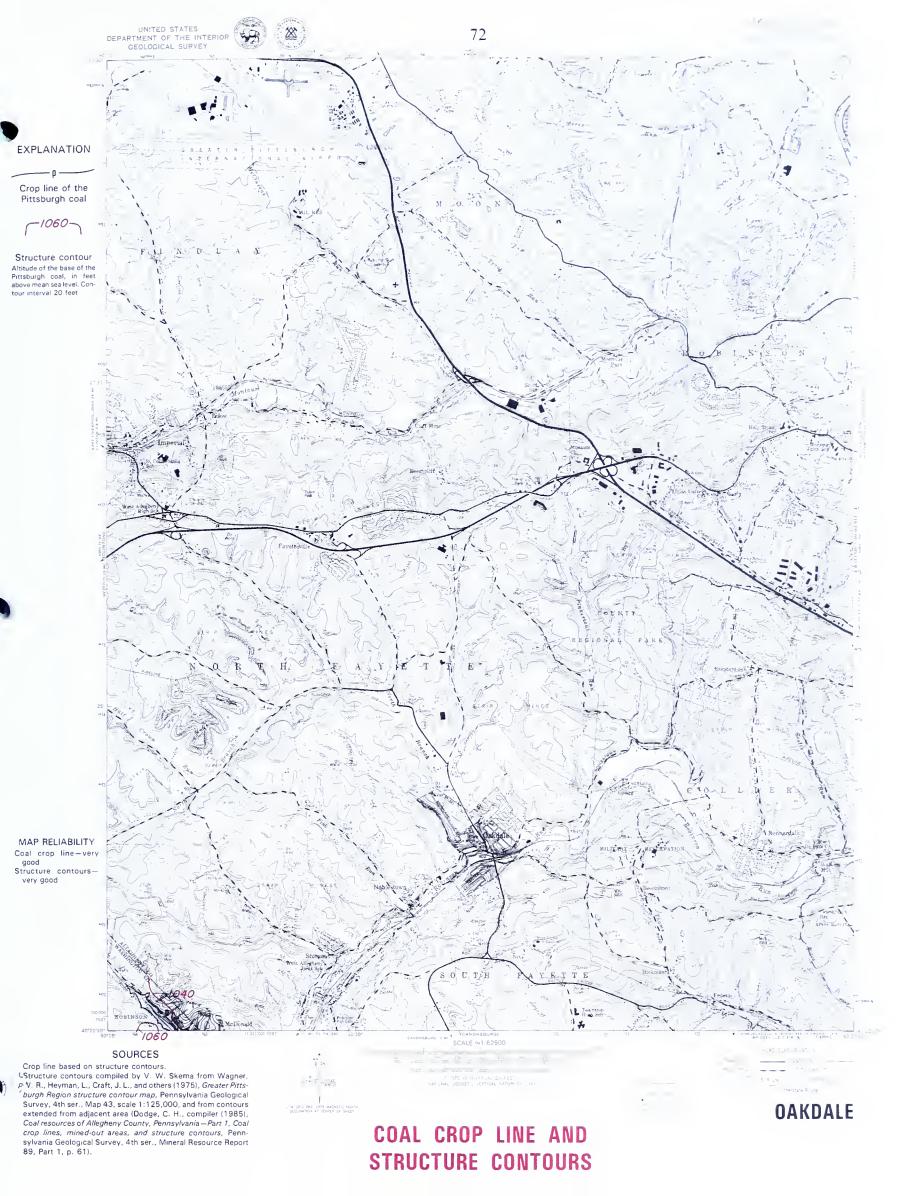




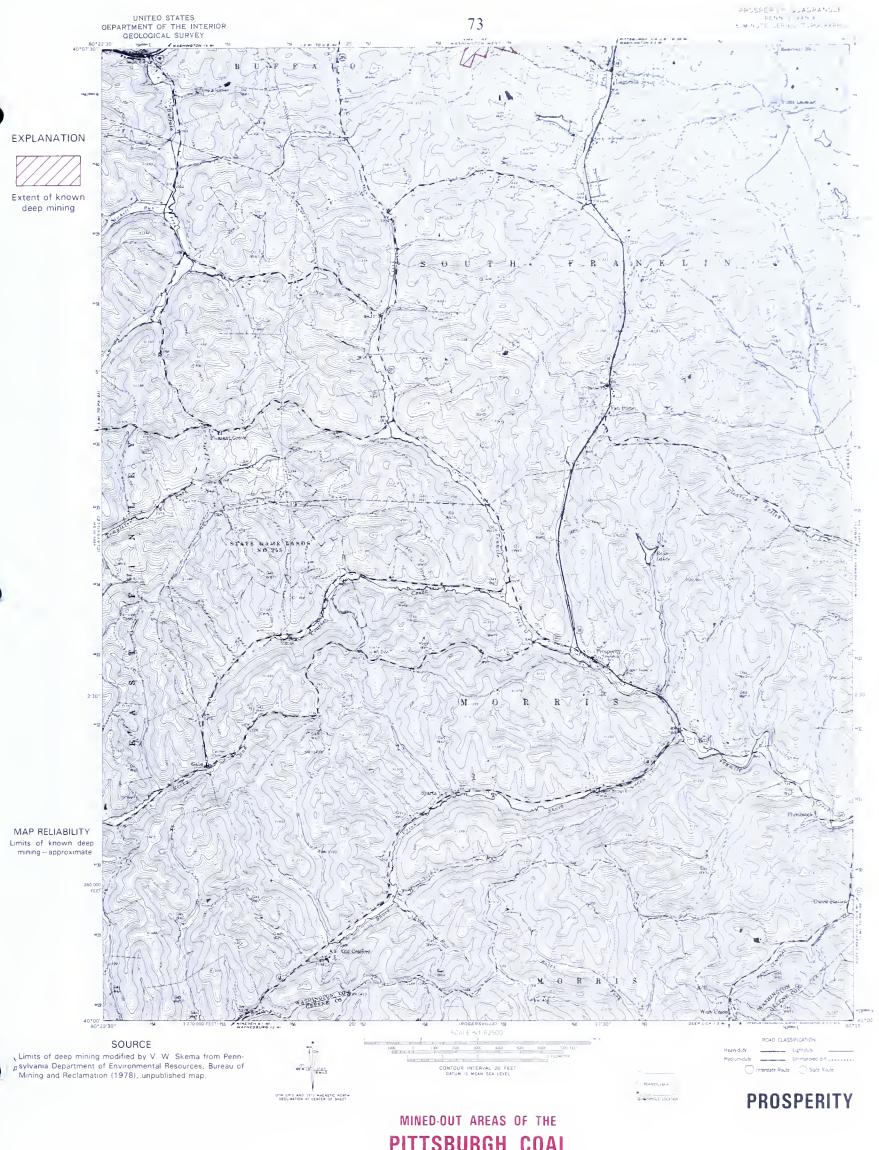






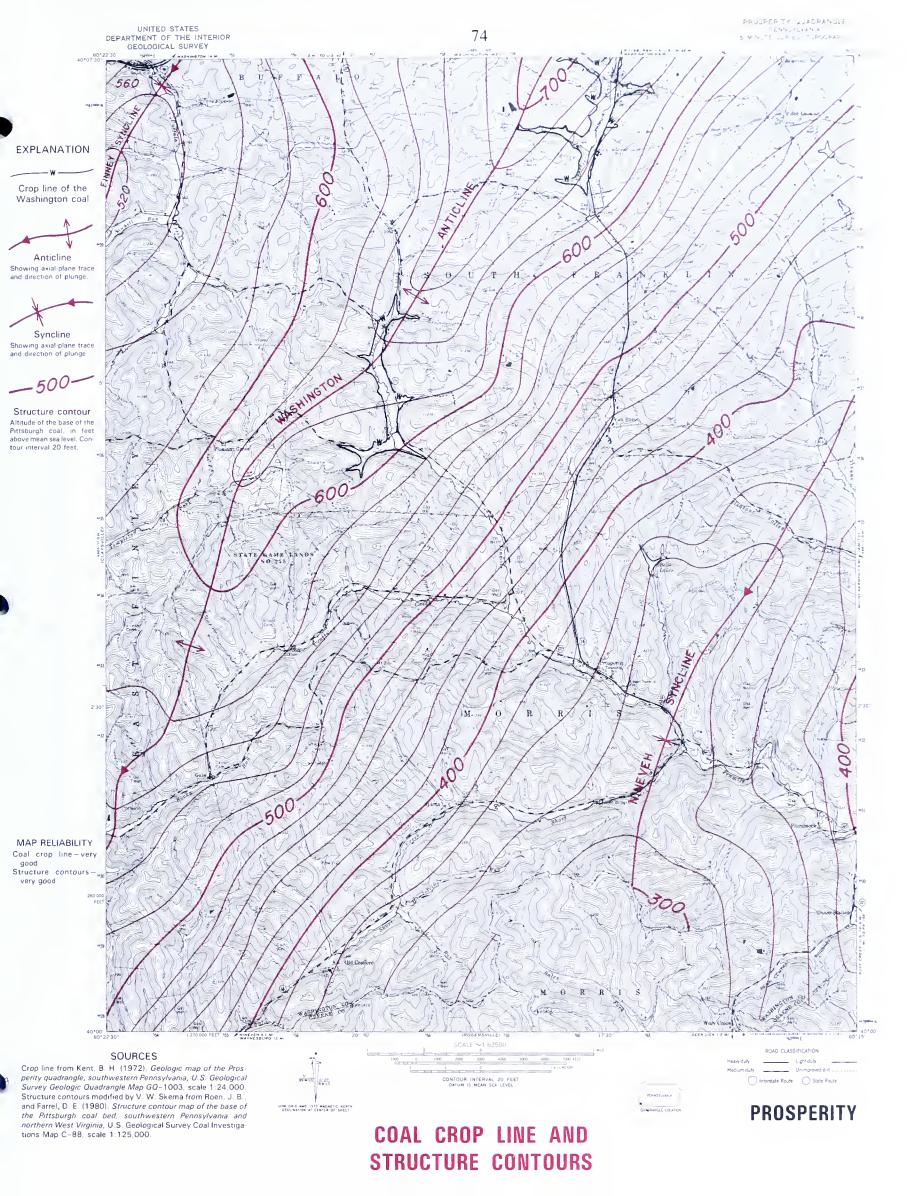




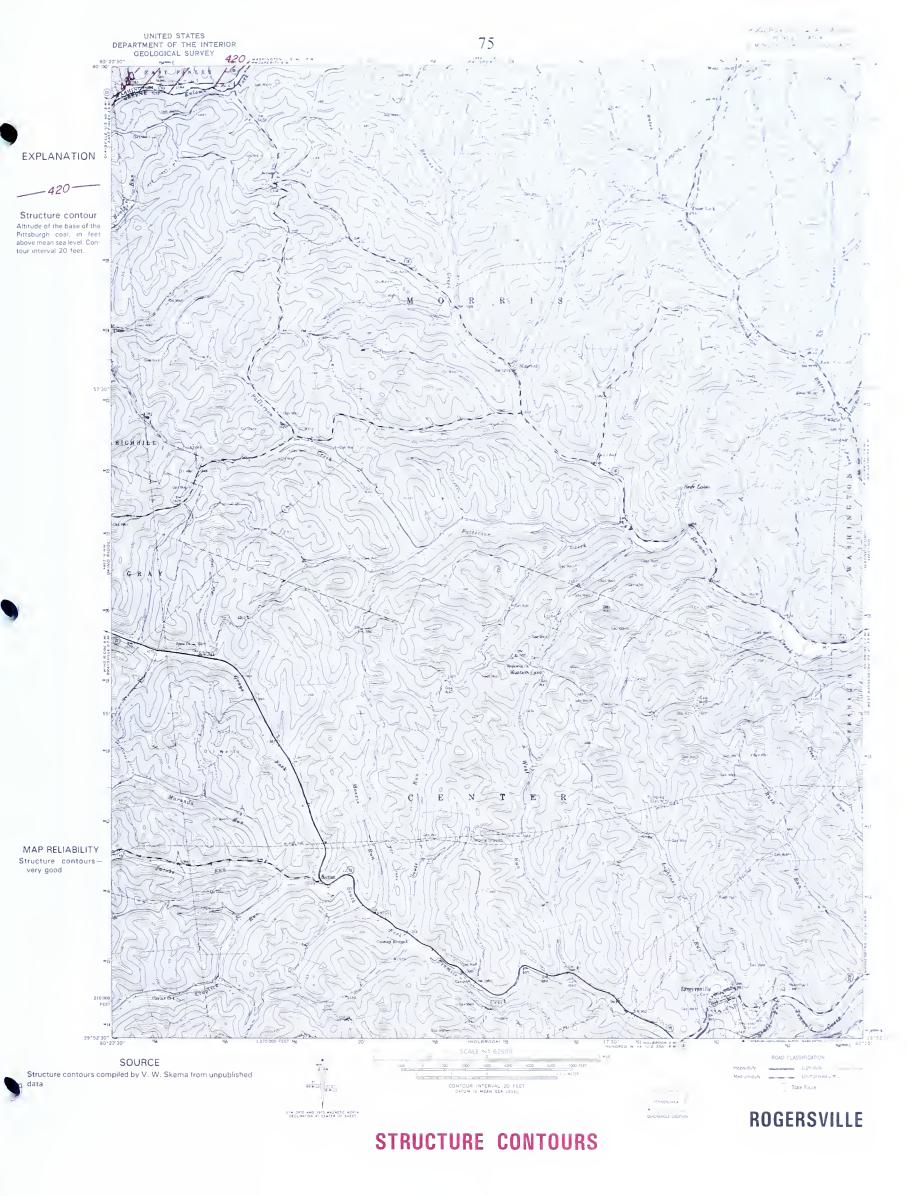


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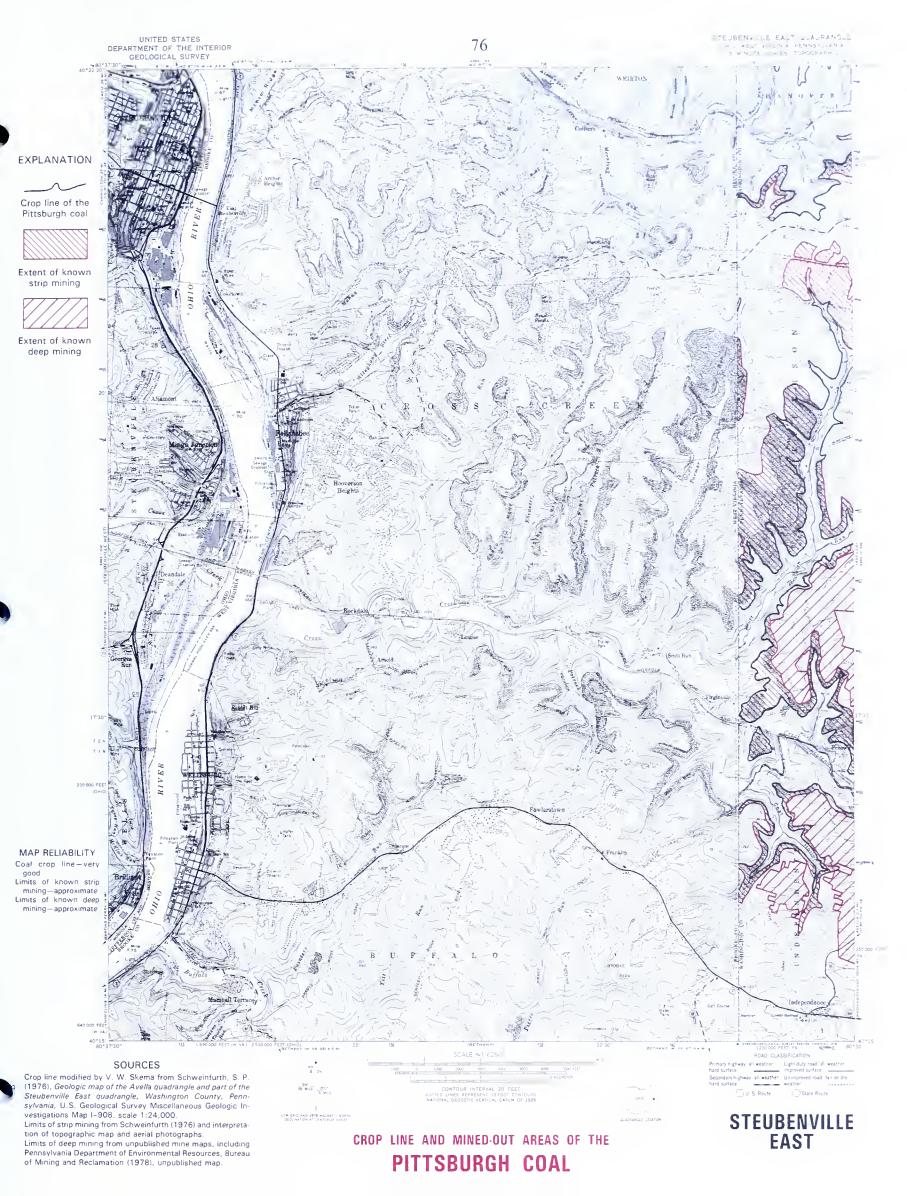
















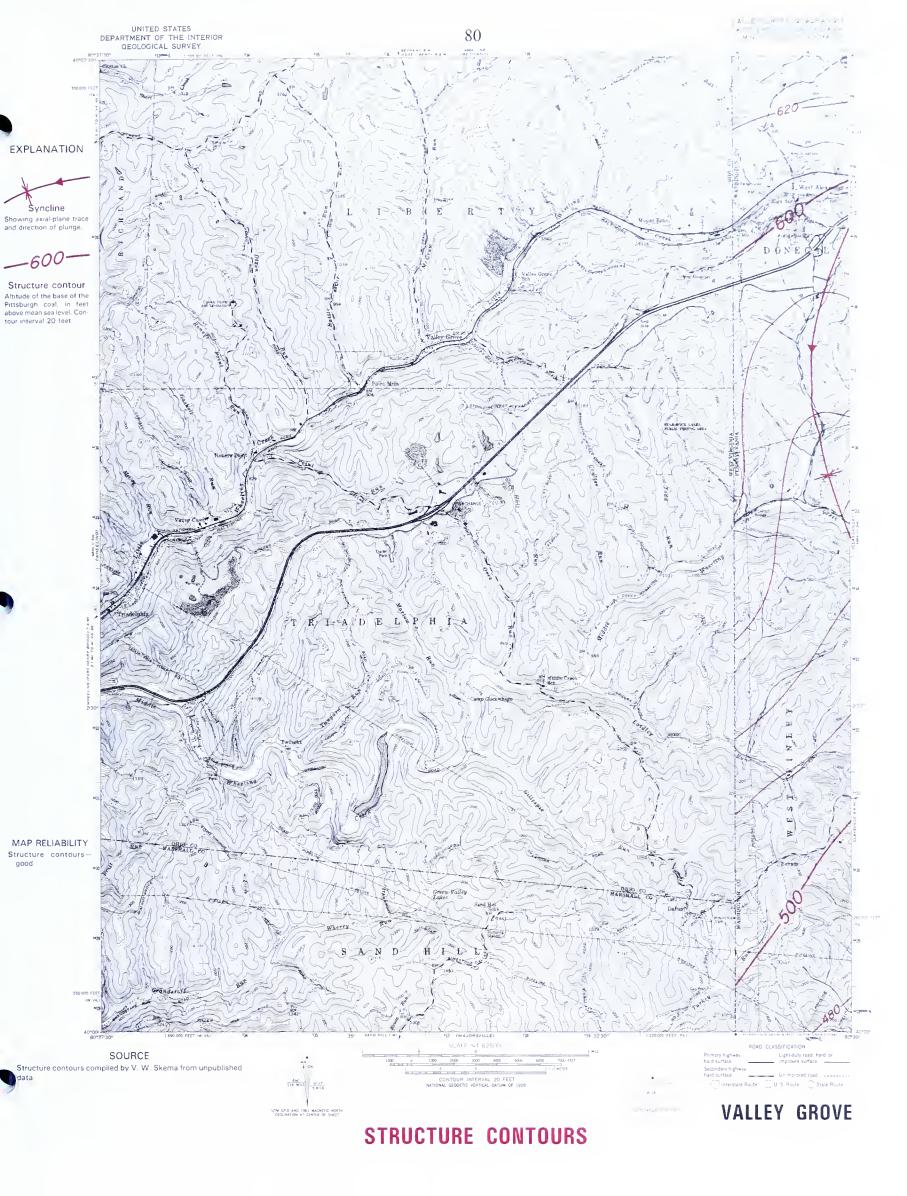


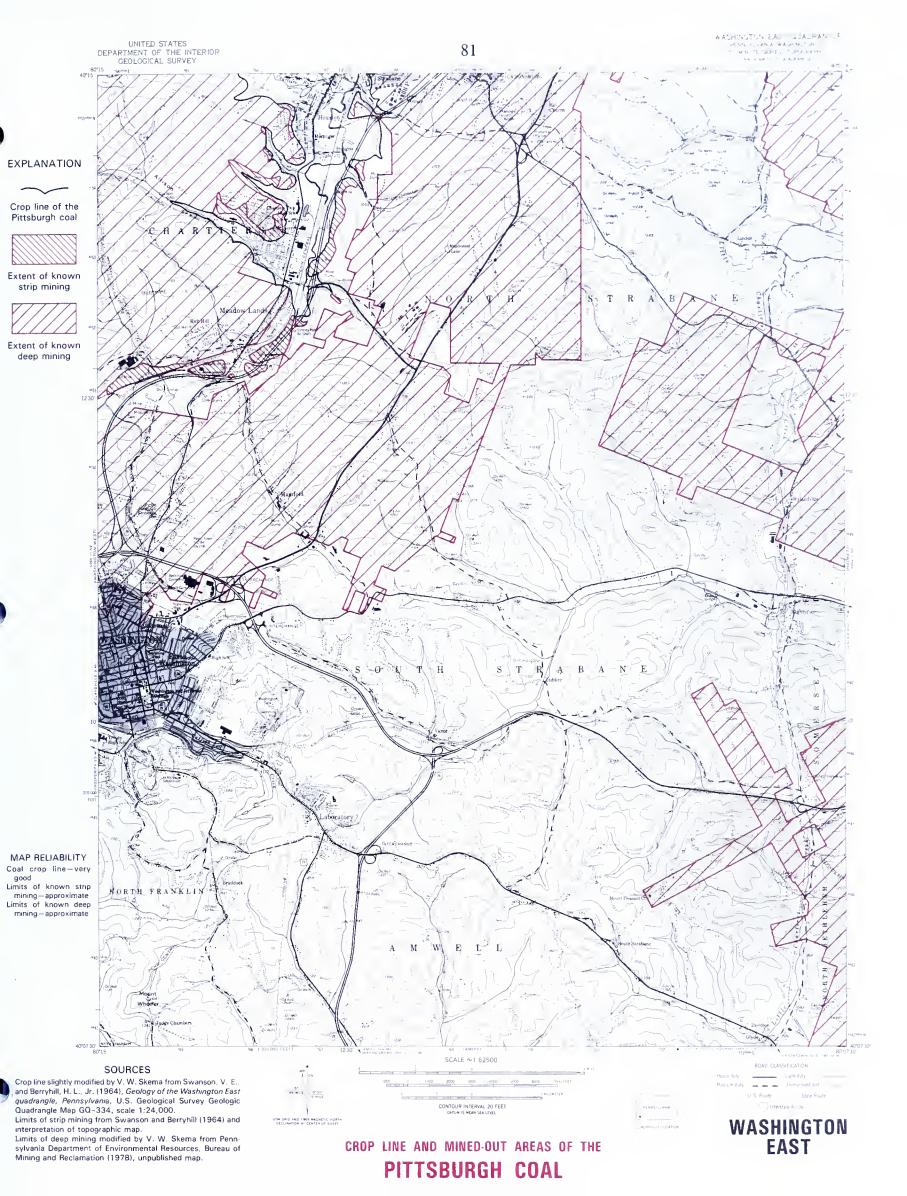




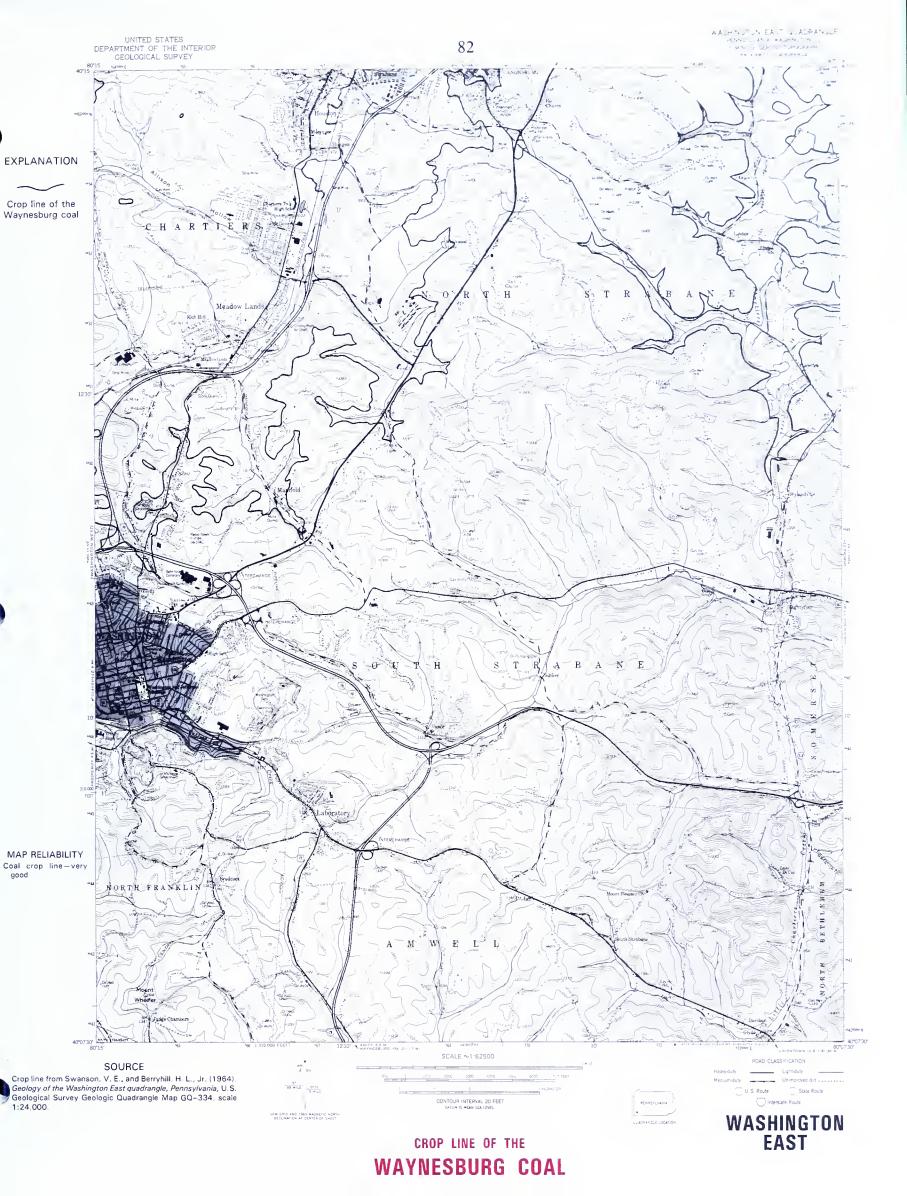




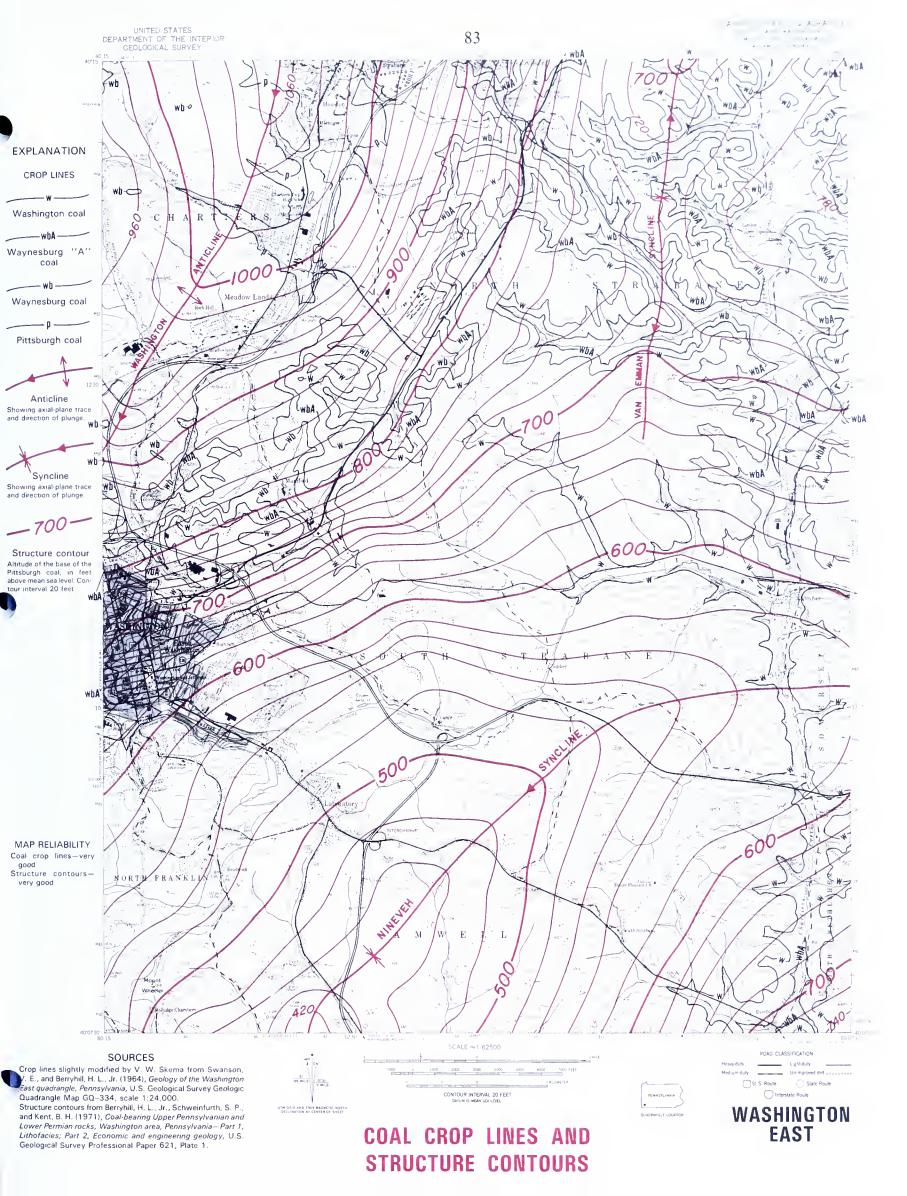




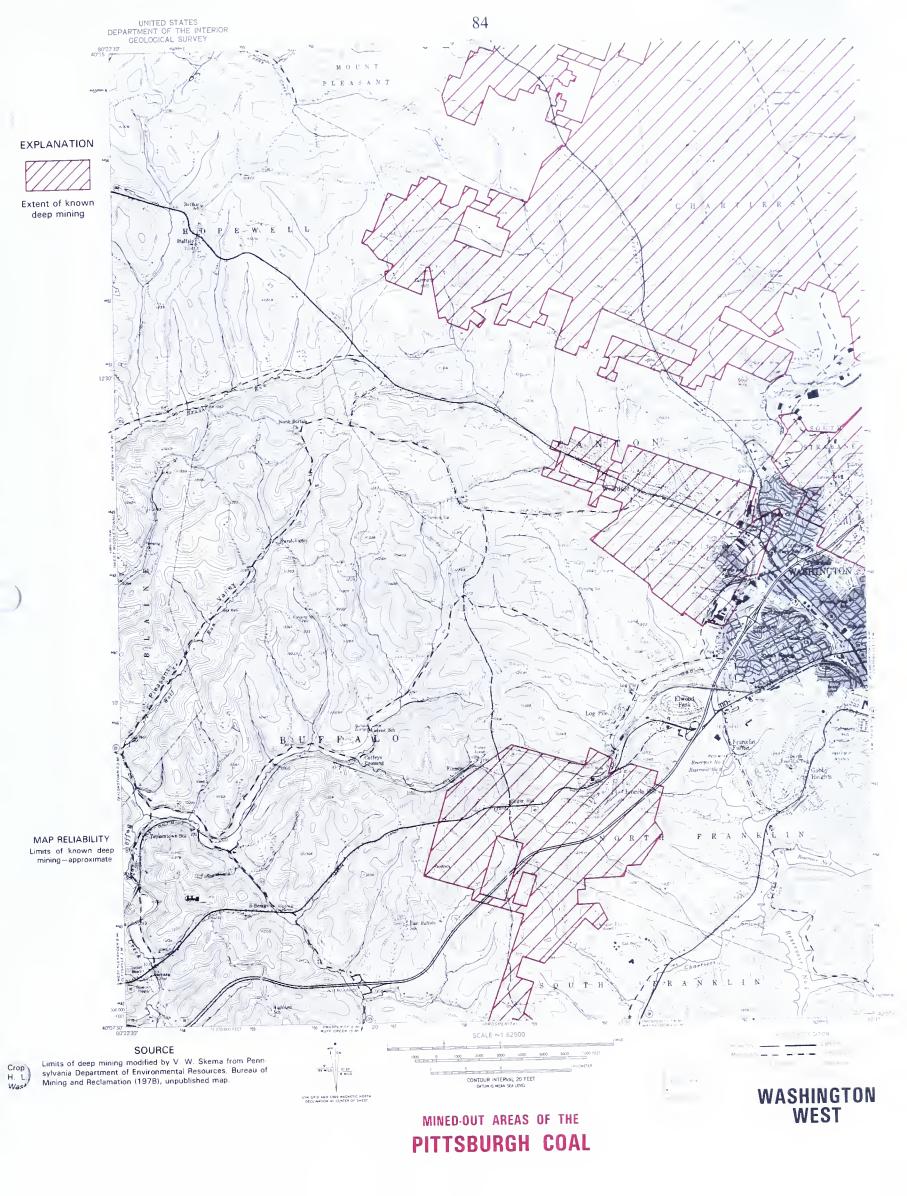




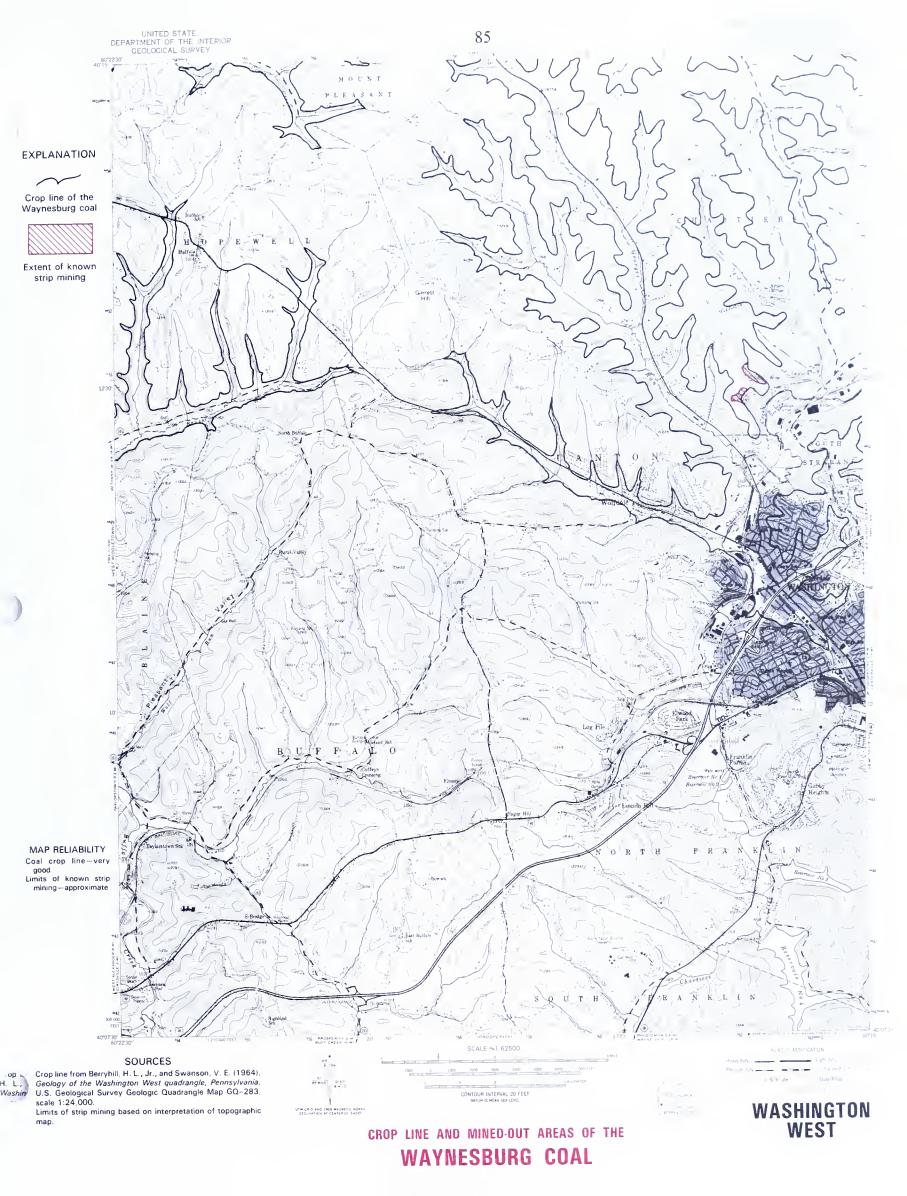






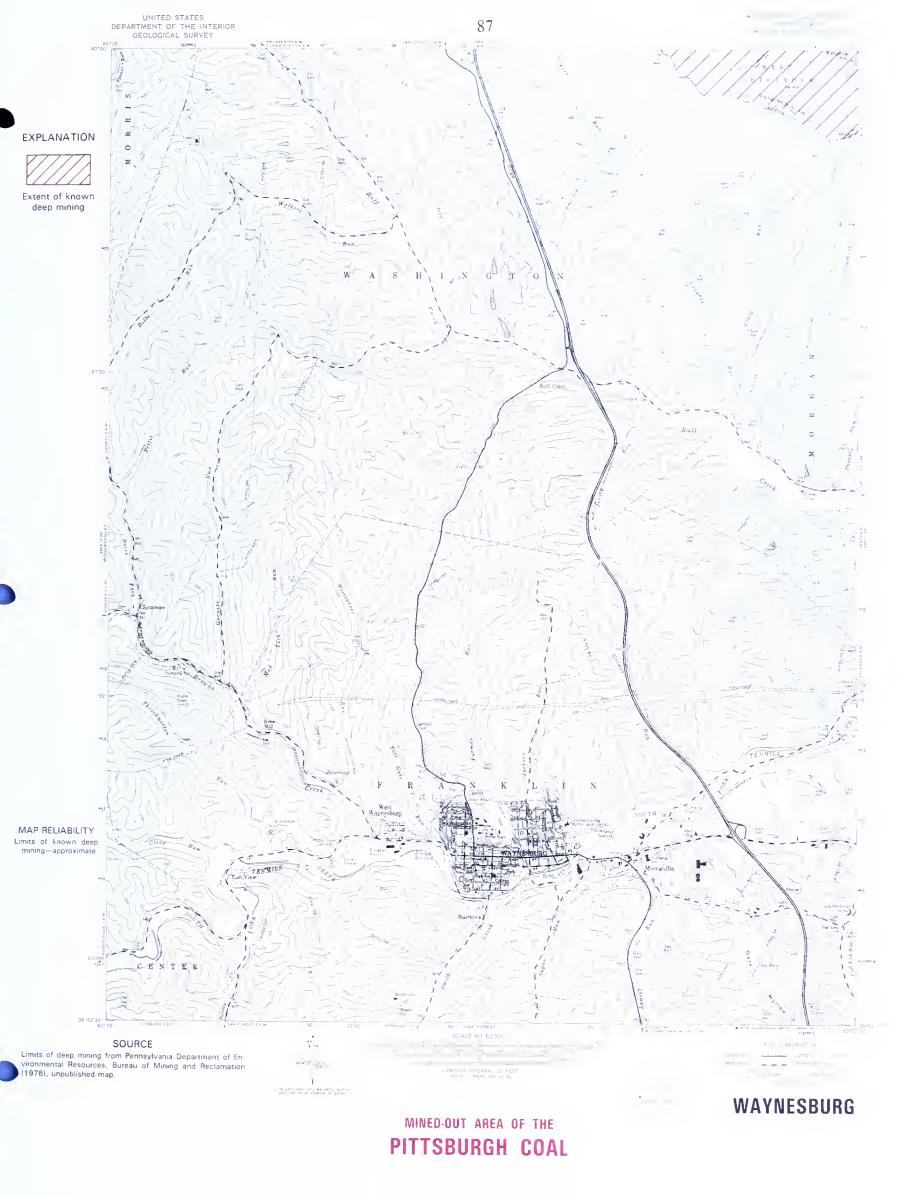


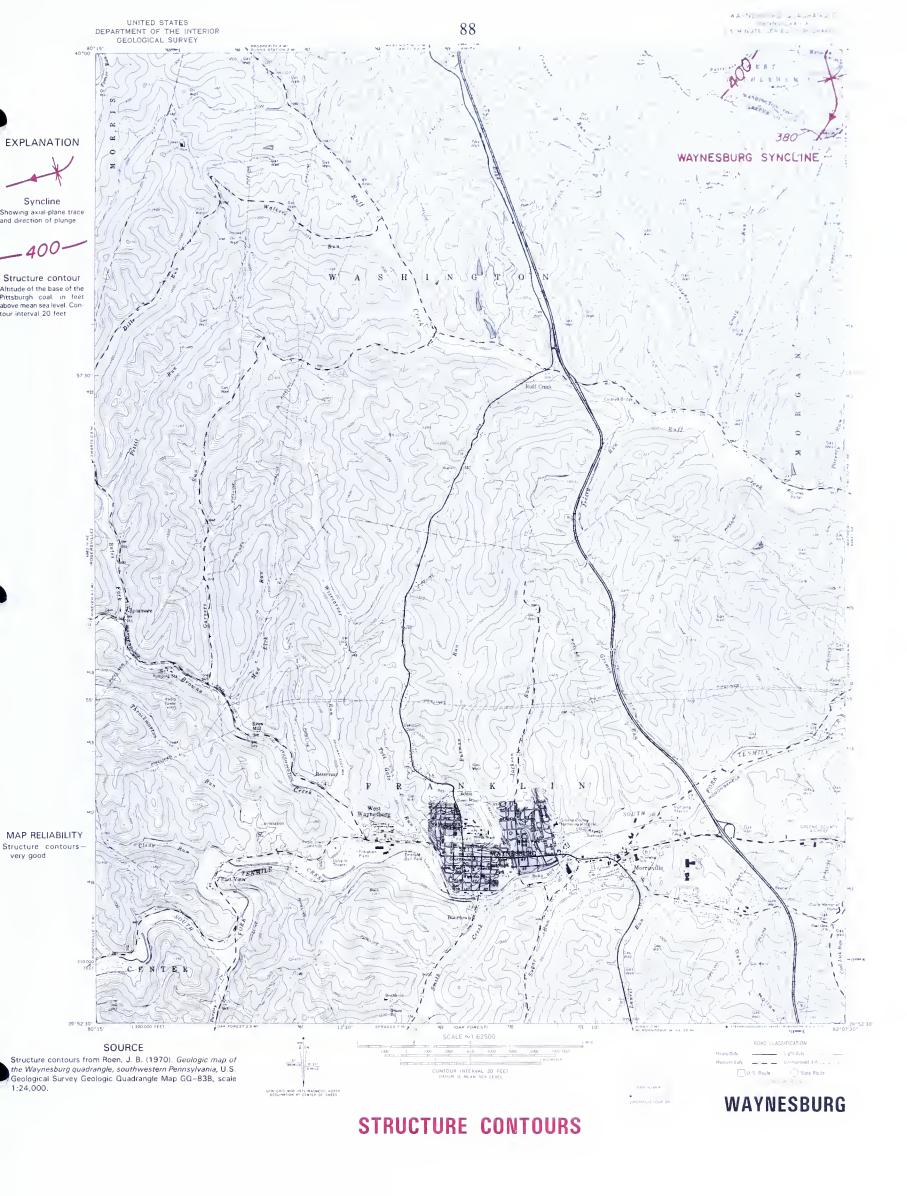










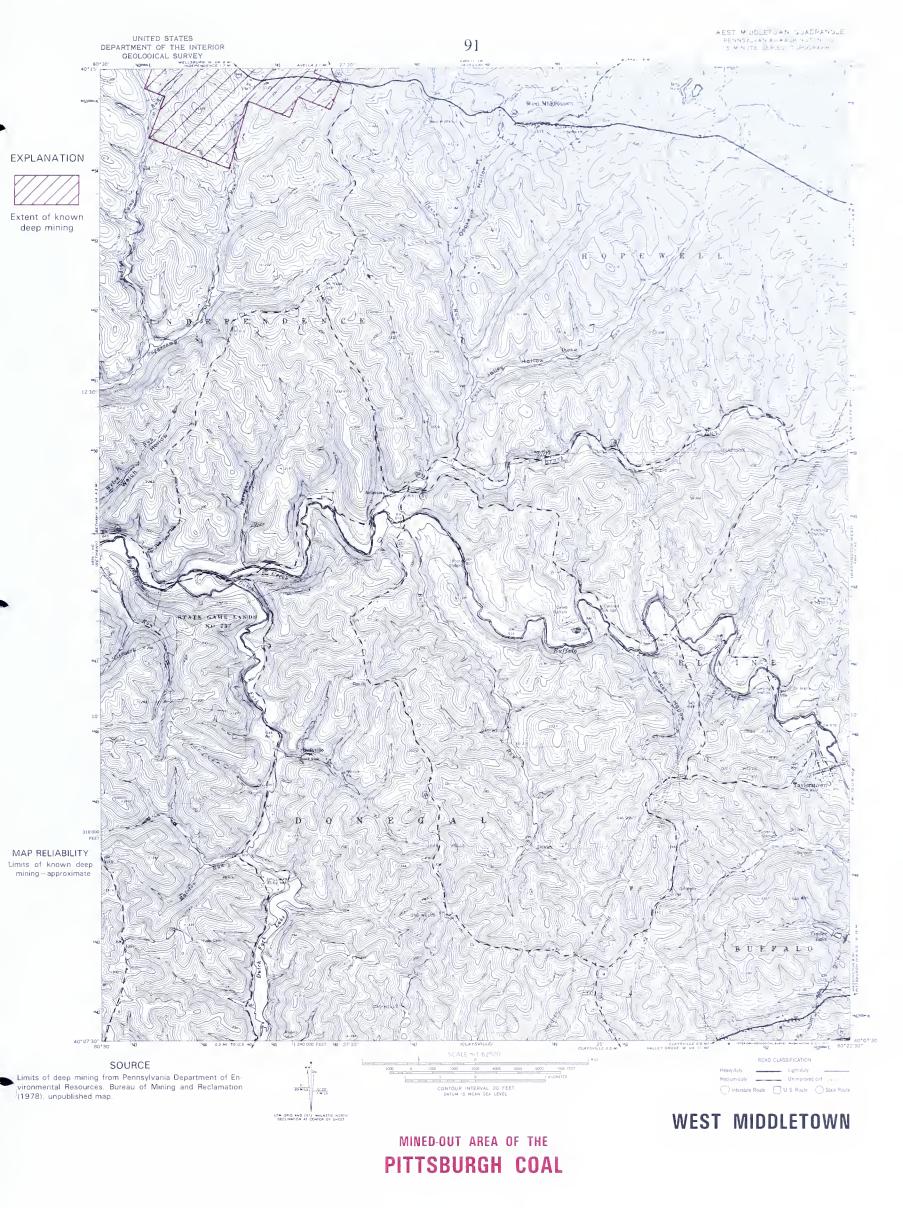




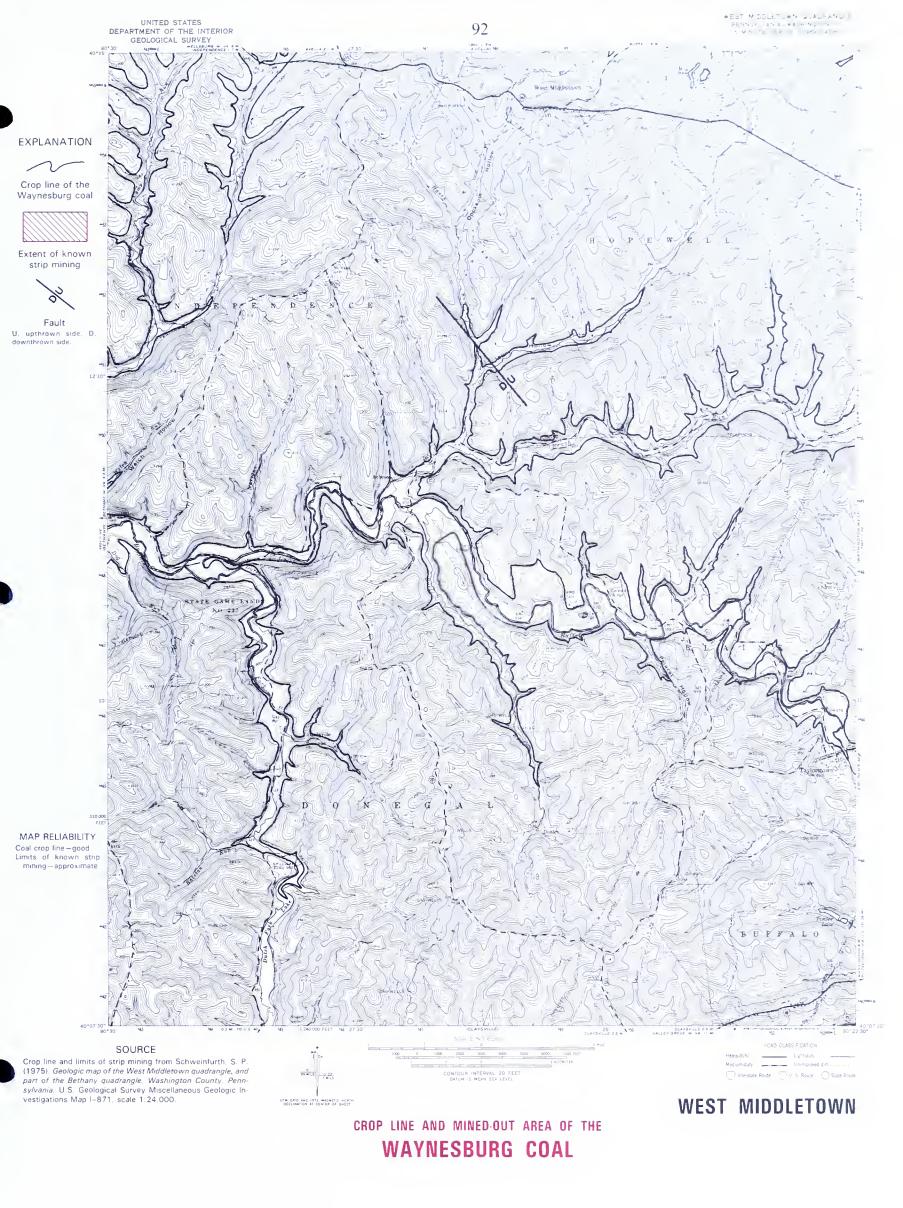








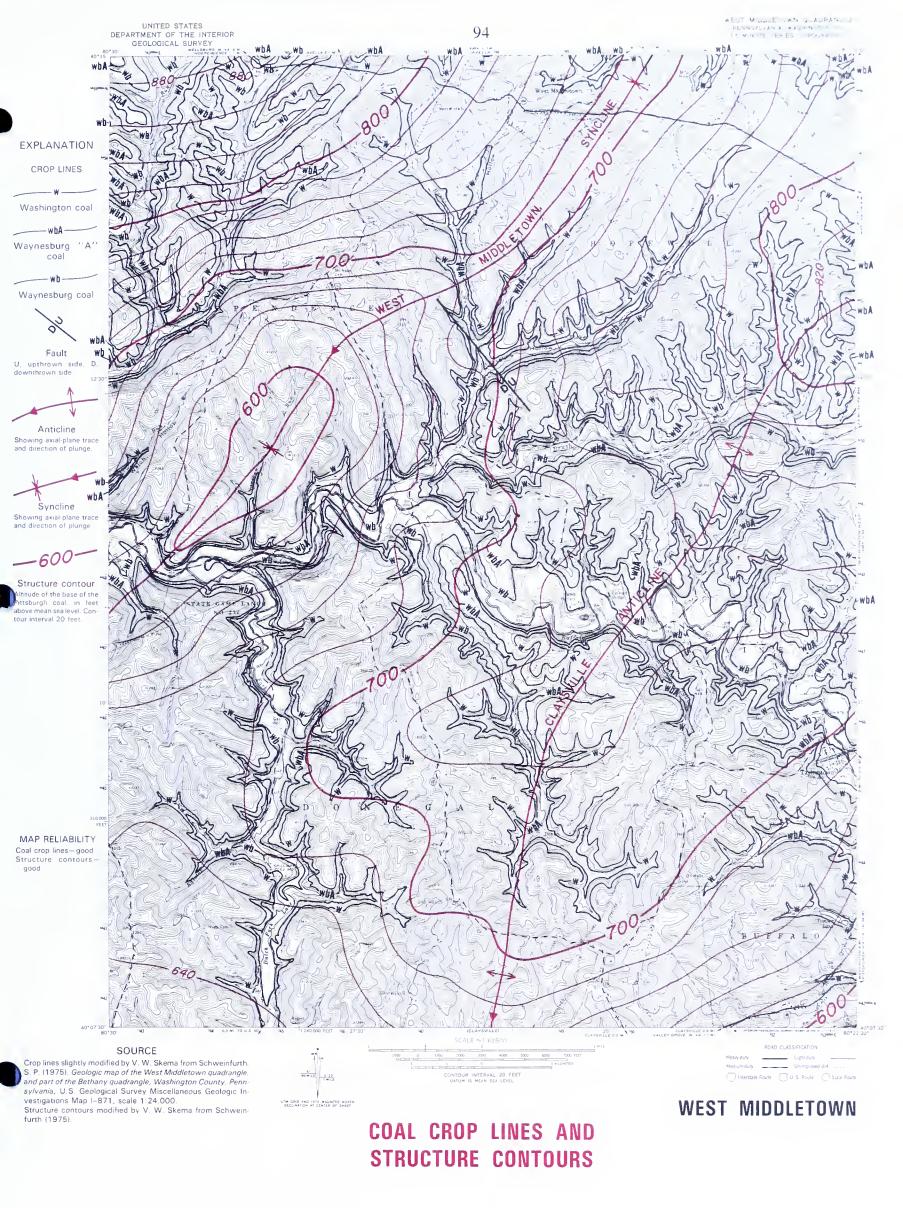
















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